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## Flays sub-contracting

# Kingdom asks firms to honor labor laws

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — A warning was issued by the Labor Ministry Wednesday cautioning firms which employ foreign laborers and to the said workers to adhere strictly to Saudi Arabian labor laws. The directive indicated that anyone not following those laws would be liable to government sanctions and action within a period of 90 days.

It was stressed that all establishments, companies and individuals need to adhere to Saudi Arabian labor laws which clearly spell out regulations governing residence (Iqama), labor (employment) and manpower recruitment.

The ministry indicated that labor law regulations violations are being noted and that efforts should be made immediately to meet their requirements. As an example, the ministry cited instances in which companies were initiating labor contracts abroad and then reassigning that commitment, or part of it, to other establishments, companies or individuals. The directive criticized the sub-contracting of laborers to work for other firms than those who initiated the original agreement.

The statement added that "some firms even compel the sub-contractor to import workers under his own sponsorship, so that the sub-contractor himself becomes the actual party in the worker's contract. All this happens without the sponsor or one engaging the worker taking regular measures for the transfer of sponsorship or hiring through the

labor offices and immigration departments, before engaging them for work with others."

The statement said that "this contravenes the labor laws and instructions, as it is very well known that the employment of workers by those other than their sponsors, or their transfer to parties other than the actual sponsors, is governed by rules and instructions that should be followed."

"The ministry, therefore, urges establishments, companies and individuals to adhere to the rules of residence and work, and to abide by the instructions issued in this behalf and in regard to workers."

The statement warned: "It is not permissible to employ those under the sponsorship of others, no matter whether they are companies or establishments or sub-contractor. In order to do so regular measures must be taken for the hiring or transfer of those workers in accordance with the Labor Ministry rules and instructions. Before a worker can be transferred it is necessary to obtain the issuance of an order from the authority concerned giving such permission."

"Consequently, the ministry urges those on whom the above mentioned situation applies, and also those employing such workers, to contact labor offices to rectify their situation. This must be done within a period of three months beginning 15/5/1402H (March 10). If it is not done the ministry will apply sanctions against them", the statement ended.

## Haughey position shaky

DUBLIN, March 10 (AP) — Charles Haughey, elected the Irish Republic's new prime minister by parliament Tuesday, faces a knife-edge future because his Fianna Fail government depends on a handful of Marxist deputies who say they will back him only when it suits them.

"We have made no deal or pact," said Joe Sherlock, leader of the three members of Sinn Fein, the Workers' Party in the Dail, or lower house. "Nothing is certain in any way just now. The SFWP can hold a gun to Charlie's head," one political insider commented.

The millionaire Haughey won an unexpectedly heavy 86-79 vote over Fine Gael (family of the Irish) leader Garret Fitzgerald in the 166-seat Dail. The

speaker has no vote. But his position still appeared shaky amid warnings from the left-wingers that his conservative government cannot count on their support on every issue and sizeable dissent within Fianna Fail (soldiers of destiny) to his leadership. "Every action, every word, every deed and every piece of legislation coming from the government will be judged and we will vote accordingly," Sherlock stressed.

Haughey's problems indicated continuing political uncertainty following the Feb. 18 general election in which neither of the republic's two major political groupings won a majority in Fianna Fail took 81 seats, two short of an overall Dail majority. The coalition won 79 with SFWP and four independents holding the balance of power.

## U.S. boycotts Libyan oil

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — The administration of President Ronald Reagan Wednesday formally announced its previously-disclosed decision to cut off oil shipments from Libya and to bar exports of U.S. oil production equipment to that country, officials say.

The actions reflect the administration's determination to disassociate itself from the regime of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, which it accuses of engaging in international terrorist activities. The decision to impose the sanctions was reached late last month and was widely reported at the time.

But the formal announcement was withheld while the administration consulted with oil companies and with European allies, said the officials, who asked not to be identified. The United States has long accused Qaddafi of promoting terrorism, but the boycott option did not become a serious possibility until Libya's share of the U.S. oil market began to decline.

The recession in the United States and the current glut on the world oil market have combined to reduce oil imports from Libya to about 150,000 barrels a day. In recent years, the level has been several times that amount.

Because of Libya's scant share of the American market, the boycott is not expected to have a significant economic

## Libyan oil

effect either on Libya or the United States. The administration also had been concerned that a boycott of Libyan oil could lead to retaliation by Libya against Americans living in that country.

But that obstacle essentially was eliminated last December when Reagan asked all 1,500 Americans living in Libya to return home as soon as possible.

As examples of Libya's "lawless behavior," officials mentioned its alleged attempts, after the death of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat "to feed instability in the region and to bring increased pressure to bear on the Sudan."

## Some Arab states, PLO favor Egypt ties

MANAMA, March 10 (AP) — Libya, South Yemen, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) were reported Wednesday to be "strongly desirous" of restoring diplomatic relations with Egypt to help in "removing Egypt from the sphere of American influence."

"I have seen a strong desire on the part of (Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi), Algeria, South Yemen and also the PLO" for restoring ties with Cairo, said Khaled Mohieiddin, head of the leftist Egyptian opposition

## Arab N-industry urged

DOHA, March 10 (AFP) — Arab countries should coordinate their efforts to develop a pan-Arab electro-nuclear industry which would be under their full control at every stage, several delegates told the second Arab energy conference here Wednesday.

The Vice Secretary General of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) Adnan Mustafa has stressed that Arab countries cannot obtain nuclear fuel from elsewhere in the world for political reasons.

The development of an Arab electro-nuclear industry will depend on uranium reserves in Arab countries, he said. The Arab world has proven uranium reserves of 60,000 tons in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, and Somalia.

Two Kuwaiti scientists, Adnan Chinab-Eldin and Yousif Rashid, stressed that the Arab world is trailing in the nuclear field. With the exception of Egypt, Iraq and Algeria, and "perhaps" of Libya, nuclear technology was "virtually absent from Arab countries", they said.

They added that while the Arab world was experiencing "relative prosperity" in

the energy sector, it was necessary to develop a nuclear industry to prepare for the years when the oil was exhausted.

They noted that unless a country became totally aligned on the United States, politically, commercially and militarily, it was virtually impossible to acquire American nuclear reactors.

The attitude of Europe was "more objective" as was shown by an agreement between France and Iraq, they said. They suggested that "the power of oil in negotiations" should be used to obtain nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

During a subsequent debate, an American, Richard Wilson, who is a professor at Harvard University, suggested that industrialized countries' radioactive waste could be buried in the desert in Egypt or Saudi Arabia in return for technology such as port installations.

But this provoked a strong reaction from Arab delegates. One delegate retorted: "Why not choose the Nevada Desert?"

Gebely, a prominent nuclear authority in Egypt, said the Egyptian government recently turned down a proposal by Austria to dispose of its nuclear waste in the Egyptian desert on both sides of the Nile.

## To end Iran-Iraq war

## Dacca lauds OIC efforts

DACCA, March 10 (Agencies) — Bangladesh Foreign Minister Professor Shamsul Huq Wednesday described the outcome of the Islamic peace mission's just-concluded shuttle to Iran and Iraq as "satisfactory", saying that the OIC Peace Committee had "moved a step forward" toward ending the 18-month hostilities.

The minister, who accompanied the five-man OIC team along with President Abdul Sattar, told a press conference here that the Iranian and Iraqi leaders had warmly received the mission during its visits to the two capitals. Both countries, he said, had reiterated their confidence in the Islamic peace mission and had expressed their desire to accept a solution of the fighting through the mediation by the mission.

President Abdul returned home from Jeddah early Wednesday. The 76-year-old president, in an arrival statement, said that he was convinced after meetings with Iranian and Iraqi leaders that the Islamic Committee would be able to end the war.

But, he added, it would not be pragmatic to think that a war begun 18 months ago would end in a day or two.

Huq said that the response received from the Iranian and Iraqi leaders on the peace initiative was "encouraging." Referring to a Jeddah decision to form a foreign minister level committee under the Islamic Peace Committee to pursue the peace efforts, he said he hoped that "an early settlement honorable for both the Islamic countries" would be achieved in the near future.

The foreign minister said that the five-member peace mission had wanted to meet Ayatollah Khomeini in Tehran but could not do so because of his illness.

Meanwhile, Guinean President Ahmad Sekou Touré said in Riyadh the peace committee has realized success in determining points of agreement between the two warring nations.

In an interview Tuesday night with the French section of Riyadh radio, Touré, who is

also the committee chairman, added the committee will resume its activities within the coming days to make further contacts with Tehran and Baghdad to achieve a just and lasting settlement. "The committee has achieved good progress on the path of reaching this solution," he added.

In Tehran, Iran's President Ali Khamenei Wednesday said Iran would continue the war against Iraq until Iran's rights had been fully restored.

## Pentagon's N-warning system faulty

WASHINGTON, March 10 (Agencies) — The North American nuclear attack warning system designed to alert the Pentagon within seconds of a Soviet missile launching is dangerously obsolete, according to a congressional report released Wednesday.

The report, compiled by the House of Representatives government Operations Committee, said the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) warning system was plagued by severe and potentially catastrophic deficiencies. Serious problems with the NORAD early warning computers, linked to surveillance satellites that can detect Soviet missiles, have persisted despite Pentagon promises that the situation would be corrected, it said.

Reuters reported a year ago that congressional investigators had concluded that the system's obsolete computers could cause false alarms of attack and were vulnerable to breakdown, during which no warning of an actual attack could be received.

## Dim outlook seen for West economy

GENEVA, March 10 (R) — The industrialized West could slide into depression if interest rates stay high, export growth falls off and businessmen lose hope for an expected recovery, United Nations economists said Wednesday.

The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), in a gloomy annual survey, said that doubts about a quick revival from the recession, now deeper than the first slump in 1973-1974 sparked by sudden oil price rises, could push Western Europe and the faltering United States economy into decline.

"The initial impact of these negative effects might be sufficient to set off a cumulative downward movement in activity and thus pave the way to a depression," the survey said.

It added that developments over the next few months should decide whether the negative signs now gathering on both sides of the Atlantic gain further momentum. If so, the survey said, governments would have to choose between keeping their anti-inflationary policies and sliding into depression, with far more people out of work than the 16 million expected in Western Europe alone this year, or switching to more expansionist policies.

The ECE survey said the expected recovery in the West had been put off so often that businessmen might soon give up any plans for new fixed investment or for the expansion of stocks expected to make up half the increase due in output this year.

Persistently high interest rates and falling utilization of productive capacity would also push Western economies into fast decline, bringing down the export growth that gov-

ernments were looking to as an important motor of recovery, it added.

The commission's report is probably the bleakest so far from an official body, and is the first to highlight the danger of recession turning into depression. The same fear has recently been voiced by some U.S. economists although Reagan administration officials have dismissed it as highly unlikely in America. Oil price cuts and recent cautious moves are regarded by economists as hopeful developments, although they say high U.S. budget deficits could renew upward pressure on American interest rates later this year.

The ECE said U.S. interest rates should remain high because of tight monetary policies combined with a large federal deficit. This should lead to a sharper fall in output in the first half of 1982 and a slower recovery after that than Washington predicted.

The Reagan administration's target of three percent growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) this year also seemed in doubt because of congressional opposition to the 1983 draft budget, it added.

As a result, U.S. unemployment should rise to nearly nine percent this year compared with 7.5 percent in 1981, while inflation dropped to seven to 7.5 percent from 10.5 percent.

West European interest rates should also stay high, partly following U.S. rates, but also due to inflation and large government deficits, the survey said.

GDP growth should average just under 1.5 percent, while unemployment could rise to more than eight percent after less than seven percent in 1981. Inflation should slow from 11 percent last year to 9.5 percent.

## Rests on overall recovery

## S. Europe's lot worse

GENEVA, March 10 (R) — Southern European countries face the prospect of only modest economic growth this year as this could be endangered if there were no overall recovery in the West, United Nations economists said Wednesday.

Portugal, Turkey and Yugoslavia would be most vulnerable if the predicted Western recovery does not come while Greece and Spain might be able to reach planned growth rates of two to three percent, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) said in its annual survey. "But even in the best case it is clear that none of these countries in 1982 will approach the growth rates prevailing before 1973."

The survey, concluded last month, said 1981 was a bad year for most southern European nations. "Total output stagnated in Greece, growth remained very mediocre in both Portugal and Spain and decelerated in Yugoslavia. In Turkey, there was a recovery but only after two years of setback," it said.

Inflation worsened in all countries except Turkey, with annual rates ranging between 14 percent in Spain and about 40 percent in both Turkey and Yugoslavia.

The combined balance of payments deficits of these countries improved to \$12.4 billion from \$13.6 billion in 1980. B.Z. except for Turkey, this was due more to a fall in imports because of domestic stagnation than a boost in exports. The survey said it was difficult to forecast developments in Greece and Portugal.

Turkey's economic stabilization program introduced in January, 1980, had succeeded however in cutting inflation, boosting exports, narrowing the current account deficit and reviving production, it added. It said the program would cut inflation to about 25 percent this year from 54 percent in 1981 and keep the growth in gross domestic product (GDP) about the same as last year at 4.3 percent.

Spain's economic prospects would increasingly depend on the rate of recovery in other European states as Madrid moved toward closer integration with Western Europe, the ECE said. The survey said Yugoslavia planned to halve its inflation rate but Belgrade had not sufficiently explained how this was to be done. It considered the country's \$21 billion gross foreign debt not excessive.

## Golan leaders demand U.N. probe

TEL AVIV, March 10 (AFP) — The lawyer for nine Golan Heights Druze leaders, who were imprisoned for their opposition to the Israeli annexation of the territory, Wednesday asked the United Nations to send an investigative commission to the area.

Felicia Langer, the lawyer, sent a telegram to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in which she compared the situation in the Golan to that of a ghetto. She also denounced the "military siege" that the Israeli Army imposed on Druze villages Feb.

25. The villages are now cut off from one another and the outside world.

The Druze have been on general strike since Feb. 14, to protest the Dec. 14 Israeli takeover, to demand the release of the nine leaders and to oppose the issue of Israeli identification cards. The nine imprisoned Druze leaders are: Suleiman Abu Saleh, Mahmud Safadi, Kamal Kanj Abu Saleh, Assad Safadi, Jamil Barhish, Abdallah Teesh, Kanj Abu Saleh, Suleiman Salman Fakher El Din and Aref Safadi.

## \$950m cocaine seized in Miami

MIAMI, March 10 (AFP) — U.S. customs officials have made their largest cocaine seizure ever, more than 1.8 tons, after a routine search of the freight of a Colombian airliner.

The plane, a Boeing 707 belonging to TAMPA (Transportes Aereos Mercantiles Panamericanos), arrived at Miami Airport Tuesday afternoon with a load of what was then believed to be clothing from Medellin, Colombia. The crates were taken to a warehouse, and customs officials decided to open one with a screwdriver. The screwdriver came out of the crate covered with white

powder.

"As we began opening the boxes, everyone shied away," said a customs inspector. The officials found 22 cases of cocaine in all, worth \$175 million wholesale and \$950 million on the street, according to an estimate by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The crew and several TAMPA employees were questioned, but no arrests have been announced. The haul was more than four times as large as the previous record seizure, also in Miami, of 400 kg of cocaine, in February, 1981. Four persons were arrested in connection with that discovery.

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## Despite slight differences

## GCC to make headway

JEDDAH, March 10 — Slight differences in the governmental systems of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states will not adversely affect the realization of the council's objectives, according to Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard.

In an interview published by the Kuwait daily *Al-Anbaa* and Saudi Arabian *Al-Jazirah* Wednesday, Prince Badr said that what is needed is not complete similarity. Slight differences are a healthy sign since they provide liveliness, exchange of views, and strengthen the allocation of roles. "Here the issue becomes one of integration and coordination, rather than differences," he said.

The prince reaffirmed that the GCC would not commit aggression against anyone, but will not allow aggression against it. "The proof of this is the Iranian conspiracy un-

covered in Bahrain and the swift assistance extended to the country by the other member states," Prince Badr said.

The GCC is not concerned with statements or threats, he said in reply to a question about Iranian statements that it would interfere directly or indirectly if not allowed into the membership of the GCC.

Prince Badr said there is nothing strange about the creation of the GCC. "The strange thing, in my opinion, is the delay in forming this council," he said. Rumors about the GCC being created against a certain party or for a certain objective are circulated by people who do not want to see us united, he said.

"What would the rumors be if the Arab and Islamic countries were united?" he wondered.

## SABIC honors staff members

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 10 — A function was held recently at the headquarters of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) to honor the staff members who have completed five years of service.

Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Aligosaibi, who is also the Chairman of the SABIC board of directors, paid tributes to the efforts and achievements of the staff

which have considerably contributed to the success of the SABIC's objectives. He distributed certificates and incentive prizes to the honored staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Abdulaziz Al-Zamil, vice chairman and managing director of SABIC, said the corporation has been able to achieve many things in the basic industries field because of the contribution by the members of the staff and thanked them for their dedicated efforts.

## Riyadh, Dakar call for Israeli, Soviet pullout

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Senegal stressed the urgent necessity of a total Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied since 1967 including Jerusalem and emphasized recognition of the right of the Palestinian people for self-determination and return to their usurped homeland with the establishment of a state under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

In a joint communique issued here Tuesday night at the end of President Abdou Diouf's three-day official visit to the Kingdom, Senegal renewed full support to the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East which has received wide consent from most countries of the world.

The two countries expressed their strong denunciation for the Soviet aggression against the Muslim people of Afghanistan and called for an immediate pullout of the Russian troops from the country and allow the Afghan people to determine their own fate and set up their own form of government.

Saudi Arabia welcomed the establishment of the confederal union between Senegal and Gambia and felt it will serve the interests of both people and nations, the communique said.

Talks were held in an atmosphere of full understanding between the leadership of the two countries, exchanging viewpoints on bilateral relations and issues of mutual interests led by Islamic solidarity, Afro-Arab relations, the situation in the Middle East and Africa.

The two sides also expressed grave concern over the presence of foreign military bases and troops in the African continent, a matter, which exposes the whole continent to danger and turn it into an arena for superpower conflicts and greedy ambitions.

The Senegalese side expressed thanks and appreciation for the generous and warm welcome accorded to them by King Khalid and the Kingdom's people and government.

President Diouf extended an invitation to King Khalid to visit Senegal, which has been accepted. The date for the King's visit will be fixed later on, the communique said.

## Travel business exhibition attracts Alkhobar residents

By Jean Grant  
Alkhobar, Bureau

ALKHOBAR, March 10 — Holiday '82, the first travel exhibit of its kind in the Kingdom, continued to attract visitors since its opening at the weekend. The show will be concluded Friday.

There were Superman posters at the Thomas Cooke booth, a windmill for KLM, a Concorde model at Air France, the strains of raga music at Air India, even a video display of the World Cup at Zamil Travel (June 13 to July 11 is this year's competition). Wherever they turned in Alkhobar's Alghosabi Grand Met Hotel, visitors had their thoughts turned tantalizingly to holiday pleasures.

At Saudia, a company spokesman said that flights to Malaga, Nice, Singapore, and Seoul are now in the planning stage. Should these materialize, many babies in the Kingdom should gurggle and coo with joy if the displays at Saudia's stand are anything to go by. Babies are exceptionally pampered on the national carrier, offered pacifiers and cute bibs so that not a morsel of food or drink can stain the baby's traveling outfit.

However, most of the 36 exhibits lacked panache. Over and over, posters and brochures attempted to do what the more imaginative displays at Saudia and at the National Tourism Organization of Greece

booths managed to get across. Competitors, beware Greeks bearing gifts or photos of the golden laurels from the Treasure of Alexander the Great.

There were once again the ubiquitous brochures and posters, but those at the Greek stall showed Saudi Arabs perched on the Acropolis and other Hellenic monuments. Replicas of the golden laurels from the Treasure of Alexander the Great were set off against a background of midnight-blue velvet, adding a touch of imperial splendour. In Greece, the laurel was a symbol both of triumph and of truce. Because it was thought that lightning could not strike it, sprigs of the tree were often placed before the doors of Greek houses.

The golden laurels on display were chosen, said Dr. Bitos, Director of the National Tourism Organization of Greece, "because they are akin to Arab taste."

Jeddah residents will be fortunate to see the whole collection of these splendid copies at the Jeddah Travel Exhibit, scheduled for June 5 to 11.

Copies are still being made in Bahrain, which some of Alexander's own generals visited centuries ago, some settling at Falaika Island in the Gulf.

Interest was keen at the American stand where passers-by asked "Do-you-have anything-on-Houston?" style questions.



(Photo by Jean Grant)

DISPLAY: Saudia's stand was one of the most successful at the exhibition.

"The U.S. Consulate in Dhahran," said Commercial Officer Philo, "gets 200 applications a day during the summer for tourist visas." The big attractions, he added, were California, Florida, New York City, and Texas. The Yanks were offering copies of brochures on 35 states and a map of the USA noted in Arabic.

## Saud meets U.S. aide

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal met Wednesday with Nicholas Veliotis, U.S. assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asian affairs.

Veliotis is currently on the fourth leg of a tour of the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). He has already visited Kuwait, the UAE and Bahrain and arrived here Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom Richard Murphy.

## Saudi-Brazil talks held

BRAZILIA, March 10 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer Wednesday discussed with the Brazilian Commerce and Industry Minister, Camello Beta means of enhancing cooperation between Brazil and Saudi Arabia in the construction and engineering of agricultural and industrial ventures.

The two ministers have agreed on guidelines to boost trade cooperation and to encourage exchange of visits by their businessmen during the next two months.

## To Gulf states

## Sri Lanka plans labor export

By Habib Rahaman  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 10 — The Sri Lankan government has decided to send 100,000 workers to the Gulf states this year, the majority of them to Saudi Arabia, according to Foreign Minister Abdul Khader Shahul Hameed.

The decision was taken after the Arab League assured Colombo last month that member states will be urged to increase trading with Sri Lanka and give it preference in labor recruitment, the minister said.

"The league will place the recommendation at the Arab foreign ministers' conference to be held this month," he said. Shahul Hameed attributed this to the Sri Lanka's consistent stand on Palestine. "We broke off diplomatic ties with Israel soon after the

(October, 1973) war," he said. He also expressed his unhappiness at the Iran-Iraq war and hoped the Islamic peace mission will achieve its goal.

The foreign minister at the U.N.-sponsored seminar on "volunteer service and development: An international experience," being held in Sanaa. The conference will continue until Saturday.

He said that the government will step up its drive to woo Arab capital especially from Saudi Arabia. In this regard Sri Lanka has invited a group from the private sector to visit the country and explore the opportunities available for investment. "Some other Gulf states have already made investments and others are making inquiries," he said, adding that United Arab Emirates owns a five-star hotel in Colombo.

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## Saleh's visit gives impetus to relations

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh left here Tuesday night after a few hours of talks with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd which, he said, achieved positive results that will give a fresh impetus to relations between the two states and further cement the already growing bilateral relations and cooperation.

In a departure statement, President Saleh said that the talks dealt with "the variables and developments that tend to influence the prevailing conditions in all the countries of the area." He added that both sides saw eye to eye on all issues and underlined the necessity to take adequate measures to face such variables and avert their devastating consequences. He also said that both sides were agreed on that such variables were not alien from international conflicts and rivalry in the area. They are the extension and part and parcel of that rivalry, he asserted.

The Yemeni leader said that both sides deemed that such a state of affairs makes it necessary that we adopt a common and positive stand in facing those conditions in a way as to keep the area clear of the dangers inherent in international rivalry and its effects which prevent the area's peoples from shouldering their national responsibilities towards the Zionist aggression.

President Saleh was seen off at the airport by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khwaiter who led the mission of honor, Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdulrahman Al-Naimi, and Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Sanaa Sheikh Trad Al-Harethi.

## IRS, consulate sponsor tax parleys

DHAHRAN, March 10 — As a service to U.S. citizens living near Dhahran, the U.S. Consulate General and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are sponsoring U.S. income tax preparation seminars on March 15 and 20. The seminars will be conducted in the library of the Dhahran Academy.

Lee Moisan of the IRS is now available to answer tax questions at the U.S. consulate general until March 22. Assistance hours are from 8:30 to 12 noon and from 1 to 4:30 pm, Saturday through Wednesday.

## Water resources stressed

By Devadas Kini  
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, March 10 — The water resources development and exploitation seminar continued deliberations here Wednesday night. The three day seminar was inaugurated by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Monday.

Use of water in oil industry, water quality sampling network, water standards, water resources management were some of the themes on which the discussions were held on the second day, Tuesday. The seminar was organized by the Ministry of Planning in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

Inaugurating the seminar, Dr. Al-Sheikh stressed the importance of water in the economic development of the Kingdom both in agriculture and industry. Explaining the objectives of the seminar, Dr. Hussein Mansour, assistant deputy minister of planning, said there is an urgent need for the evaluation of water resources in the Kingdom.

In a paper read at the seminar, William Champagne said the water resources development department of the ministry of agriculture and water has initiated a water quality

sampling program designed to monitor any long term changes in the quality of the water. The program consists of a series of stations at which systematic water quality measurements are made.

Another paper, on meteorological and stream-gauging network programs by Ali Al Dalooj, Muhammad Sayeed Malik and Willard Mills, has emphasized the need for basic information and data. The paper referred to the occurrence, origin, movement, quantity and quality of water for the development of irrigation, hydropower, flood control, salinity and water logging control, recreational and industrial use, fish and wildlife protection as well as water supply.

For this purpose, the paper said, a network of 44 first-order meteorological stations, 182 daily rain gauges, 89 recording rain gauges and 41 stream-gauging stations have been established.

F.Y. Al-Hajeri and A.H. Shaikh of the projects execution department of the ministry of agriculture and water in a paper said that over sixty conservation and flood control dams have been constructed or are under construction in the Kingdom. There are plans to build 10 dams every year, they said.

## Islamic publishing body begins talks

MAKKAH, March 10 (SPA) — The Islamic International Constituent Organization for distribution, publication and technical production went into session at the Intercontinental hotel here Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Mohsen Baroum expressed the hope that the participating members would take into consideration the significant role of Arab and Islamic publication in a world torn by conflicting currents and divergent political and social ideologies. He urged the members to adopt

positive measures for the consolidation of the organization and fruitful cooperation in the realization of its objectives.

Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqa, assistant secretary general of the Muslim World League, thanked King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their ceaseless efforts in boosting the Islamic activity. Welcoming the participants, he said "we meet for the sake of a sublime objective and we put down our steps on the correct path of Islam in order to be able to encounter the challenges which now control the destinies of the Islamic nation by keeping it away from the teachings of the sublime faith."

Saqa said it is time to make a move with all sincerity. "We can find no excuse if we lag behind in carrying out our obligations toward Islam," he said. Saqa announced that the organization's capital has reached SR100 million, with 1,000 shares.

Sheikh Ahmad Salah Jamjoum was elected chairman of the session. Meanwhile, four committees were formed: they are: legal and organizational committee; technical committee; financial and administrative committee; and the drafting committee.

## Businessmen luncheon

JEDDAH, March 10 — The Riyadh International Businessmen's Association luncheon meeting will be held on Wednesday March 17 at Al Khazama Hotel. Dr. Abdulah Masri, assistant deputy minister of cultural affairs at the ministry of education, will address the meeting.

## SR100 million projects set for Ahsa irrigation

AHSA, March 10 (SPA) — The Ahsa Irrigation and Drainage Project Authority is implementing a number of construction projects at an overall cost of SR100.74 million, according to the board's director general Saleh Sulaiman, Wednesday.

He said the projects include a building for the authority's administrative departments; workshops and warehouses; change in the electrical current frequency in the authority's projects; water boosters; a recreational center; a veterinary training and animal husbandry center and a new dates factory to be set up at a cost of SR31 million.

In another development, King Faisal University's college of agricultural and food sciences will soon carry out applied studies on the possibility of cultivation in Jubail, in cooperation with the Royal Commission's for Jubail Industrial Project.

Dr. Faisal Murad, director of the commission's agricultural research committee, stated that the study aims at gaining knowledge about the types of plants that can be developed in Jubail under the environmental conditions surrounding the area. The study will also focus on the methods of agriculture; limiting the use of water through irrigation by means of the desalinated water and expanding the green areas in the residential quarters of Jubail industrial city, he said.

## KSU students tour city

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 10 — A group of 38 students from Riyadh's King Saud University visited Jeddah Municipality Wednesday. The group will visit newly developed areas in the city, especially the Corniche.

The students will meet with Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi and Deputy Mayor Dr. Muhammad Ali Qahtan Thursday and will conclude their tour Friday. They also will visit the information center in the city.

In another development, Mayor Farsi will open an exhibition of 50 artists at the Redec Plaza Gallery here March 18. The exhibition is sponsored by the Saudi Arts Society and the Presidency of Youth Welfare.

## Interior ministers statute hailed

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Sudanese Interior Minister Ahmad Abdul Rahman Muhammad reiterated Wednesday that the permanent statute of the council of Arab interior ministers, which they recently approved in Riyadh, provides the fundamental base for a comprehensive Arab security plan.

In a statement published by *Al-Yom* newspaper, the Sudanese minister said that no Arab country can be able to protect its security and stability, in isolation of the security of other Arab states. He added that the present Middle East situation is a direct reflection of alien designs on the region's security and Islamic values.

## Province organizes cultural week

Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, March 10 — The eastern province begins its first cultural week Thursday sponsored by the Youth Welfare Presidency's art and culture section.

Sheikh Faisal Shuhail, head of the government Railroads Organization (GRO), will cut the ribbon in the mezzanine of Alkhorbar Meridian Hotel to the art show opening the fine arts, theater, and lectures week.

On display at the art show are 60 pictures, sculpture and ceramics. Twenty artists

including Syrians, Egyptians and Americans are participating in the exhibit organized by Faisal Samra, Damman head of the plastic arts section of the presidency.

Other activities during the cultural week include a world newspaper exhibition; a lecture by Muhammad Al-Ali, a writer at the Damman youth center; an Arabic play written and directed by Hamed Al-Uthman in the theater of the Industrial Institute of Damman. The last two days, March 17 and 18, of the art exhibit are for women only.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:56	3:27	3:13	3:38	4:07
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### INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON IONIZING RADIATIONS TO BE HELD IN RIYADH

An international symposium "Applications and Technology of Ionizing Radiations" will be held March 12-17, 1982 at King Saud University (the University of Riyadh Formerly) Malaz Campus in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Sponsored by the College of Science of King Saud University, this Symposium is in collaboration with the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre.

The Symposium will review current research and developments on the applications and technology of ionizing radiations. There will be two sessions on each meeting day. Lectures will be delivered in each session by scientists prominent in the field of ionizing radiation. In addition, contributed papers will be presented in each session covering the following topics: radiation protection; radiation chemistry; radioisotope production; gamma irradiation; dosimetry; and medical, industrial and agricultural applications of ionizing radiation.

In addition to the technical sessions, the Symposium will include a scientific and commercial exhibit. A refresher course in basic radiation protection will also be included. A tour of places of special interest in the local area is also planned.

All interested in the program are invited to attend. To obtain further details or Symposium Packet, contact the Co-Chairman of the Symposium, Raymond C. Barrall, Cencer Therapy Institute, King Faisal Specialist Hospital, P.O. Box 3354, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Tel: 4647272 Ext 1718/2900 OR: 4781345 OR 476746, Ext: 291 / 238.

## Barre visits Washington

## Somalia to press for U.S. arms aid

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — Somalia's President Muhammad Siad Barre arrived here Tuesday for an official six-day visit during which he is expected to urge delivery of promised U.S. military aid.

Following a 1980 agreement granting U.S. forces access to Somali ports and airfields, the U.S. put together a \$60 million package of radar equipment, communications gear and military vehicles for Somalia. U.S. officials said no weapons were included. None of the equipment has yet arrived there despite Somali complaints of threats from Ethiopia and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

U.S. officials have indicated that the delay is due to normal time required to move from a sales agreement to production and delivery of equipment. President Barre meets with president Ronald Reagan Thursday.

Wednesday he has meetings scheduled with U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig. U.S. senior administration officials said Tuesday that the U.S. is spending \$25 million this year to improve the harbor

and airfield at Berbera on Somalia's northern coast on the Gulf of Aden. The facilities are to be used by U.S. forces if needed in the Gulf region.

The officials said there were no plans now to base American personnel in the country except for an eventual facilities maintenance staff. Somalia is the third largest recipient of U.S. aid in Africa, getting a total of \$78.5 million this fiscal year, which includes \$20 million for military credits. Most of the remaining funds have gone for economic assistance and aid to help Somalia deal with over a half million refugees as a result of the fighting with Ethiopia over the Ogaden region.

A Somali group in the U.S. said it planned to hold demonstrations in Washington to protest the visit of Barre whom they denounced as a dictator. U.S. officials confirmed violations of human rights in Somalia but said they have no evidence now of "gross violations" such as torture. They said the regime has stated it intends to release all political prisoners.

## After Sinai return

## Egypt to keep peace with Israel

CAIRO, March 10 (R) — President Hosni Mubarak was quoted Wednesday as saying that Egypt would continue its peace policy with Israel after Israel completed its withdrawal from Sinai April 25.

But the president, 53, was quoted in Cairo newspapers as saying that there would be no pomp and ceremony to mark Israel's final withdrawal. He said there would only be a

simple flag-hoisting ceremony at the town of Rafah and a speech by him at the people's Assembly (parliament).

Mubarak said Israel's withdrawal was taking place according to schedule, the newspapers reported. He said Egyptian and Israeli officials were holding talks to solve the problem of the border town of Taba on the Red Sea Akaba Gulf.

The newspapers quoted him as saying: "Making peace (with Israel) is an Egyptian choice. Egypt will not accept any pressure from any quarter. Its decisions emanate from its own will and are made for its own interests."

He repeated earlier stands that Egypt welcomed improvements in relations with Arab countries but said Cairo would not impose itself on any Arab brethren. Mubarak said presidential expenditure had been slashed as an example to other government departments, but he gave no figures.

He also said he had decided to cancel the Oct. 6 military parade, staged every year to celebrate the Egyptian forces' crossing of Suez Canal in the 1973 war with Israel, in order to cut expenditure. President Mubarak said he planned a conference to tackle the nation's population problem.

He said that if the present population growth of 1.3 million a year continued, the country would plunge into an economic abyss. According to January official statistics, Egypt's population reached 44 million.



WELCOMED: Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat is being warmly welcomed by East German leader Erich Honecker Tuesday in East Berlin.

## Honecker, Arafat rap U.S. on Poland

BERLIN, March 10 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat joined East German Communist leader Erich Honecker Tuesday in condemning American policy toward Poland, the East German news agency ADN said.

Arafat and Honecker "condemned the policy of the most aggressive circles in NATO, especially the United States, in misusing the events in the People's Republic of Poland in order to sharpen their long-pursued forced armament, their policy of boycotts and threat behind a veil of lies and slander," ADN said.

Arafat, who has been a frequent visitor to

East Berlin, was received with full state ceremonial by Honecker and other East German Politburo members, ADN said.

His schedule Tuesday included a visit to East Berlin's memorial to the unknown soldier accompanied by military ceremony and witnessed by about 1,000 East Berliners, ADN said. After talks between the East German and PLO delegations, Honecker hosted a dinner for his visitors, ADN said.

Such ceremonial is reserved only for honored visitors and observers in East Berlin said it was evident East Germany wants to emphasize its support for the PLO.

## Bahrain 'coup' trial begins Saturday

BAHRAIN, March 10 (R) — Seventy-three persons, arrested in connection with an alleged Iranian-backed coup attempt in Bahrain last December will stand trial Saturday, Justice Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalid al-Khalifa was quoted Wednesday as saying.

The prosecution has said it will seek the death penalty for all the defendants, mostly Bahrainis charged with crimes against the state's security in cooperation with a foreign power. Sheikh Abdullah told the daily newspaper *Akhbar Al-Khaleej* that the supreme court would provide the defendants with all

## Khaddam to visit Iran

DAMASCUS, March 10 (AFP) — Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam will visit Iran within the next two days to discuss "bilateral relations and the regional situation," it was announced here Wednesday.

They also noted that Syria is an open supporter of Iran, and a bitter foe of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

## On Palestinian rights

## Mitterrand broke promise made to Tunisian premier

KUWAIT, March 10 (AP) — Visiting Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali said here Tuesday French President Francois Mitterrand stopped short of fulfilling a promise "to say something in the interest of the Palestine cause" during his recent visit to Israel.

Mazali, speaking at a press conference here at the end of a five-state tour in the Gulf area, said Mitterrand had made the promise to him when he visited Paris recently. "What President Mitterrand said in Israel was less than the Arabs wanted," he said.

"When I met Mitterrand, I conveyed to him the concern of the Arab public opinion over his visit to Israel, particularly its ugly act of annexing Syria's Golan Heights, but he replied he was going to say something in the interest of the Palestine question," he added.

Mazali expressed his country's support to Iraq in its war with Iran "in view of the intransigence of the Tehran government". He said his Gulf tour had been a success and

added that all Gulf leaders he met supported an early convening of an Arab summit conference in Fez, Morocco, "in view of Israel's continued brutal, racial and imperialist policies."

Mazali charged that Israel was preparing to attack the Arabs in several places, "particularly in South Lebanon with the aim of disrupting their rank further."

## Benazir's detention extended by 3 months

KARACHI, March 10 (AP) — Martial law authorities announced Wednesday that the detention period of Benazir Bhutto, eldest daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has been extended by three months.

Miss Bhutto, currently under house arrest at Larkana, about 320 kms north of Karachi, was served notice of the extension by the deputy martial law administrator.

## On sending troops to Ethiopia

## S. Yemen denies French allegation

ADEN, March 10 (AP) — South Yemen has denied what it said was a French government allegation that it sent troops to Ethiopia to fight rebel forces in the Ethiopian province of Eritrea, according to an official source here Wednesday.

The source, who declined to be named in conformity with government policy, said the government of South Yemen reaffirmed its support for "Ethiopia in its struggle for realizing economic and social progress for the friendly Ethiopian people." Ethiopia and South Yemen, formed a tripartite union along with Libya last August.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front

fighting for the independence of Ethiopia's northern Eritrea province has recently stepped up its activity against the regime of Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Relations between Ethiopia and France worsened recently after the Mitterrand government issued a statement supporting self-determination for the Eritrean people and denouncing the latest action by the Ethiopian government to end the rebellion.

The Yemeni official said the French government statement had alleged South Yemeni troops were aiding the Ethiopian government forces.

## Klibi urges EEC role in Mideast

BRUSSELS, March 10 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi told the European Economic Community (EEC) Tuesday that Europe should pursue its efforts to play a role in the Middle East, EEC and Belgian government sources said.

Klibi's four-day visit here is aimed at maintaining contacts with the EEC at a time when the European Middle East peace initiative is at a standstill and the "Euro-Arab dialogue" remains in the doldrums, they said. Klibi met Belgian Foreign Minister and current EEC

Council of Ministers' President Leo Tindemans, and the president of the EEC Commission Gaston Thorn.

Klibi strongly encouraged Europeans to pursue their efforts in view of the situation in the Middle East and discussed several ways in which it could be done, a Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The talks also covered the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai next month, Egypt's position in the Arab world and French President Francois Mitterrand's recent visit to Israel.

## Kabul denies charges on chemical war

PARIS, March 10 (AFP) — The Afghan news agency Bakhtar monitored here Wednesday dismissed American charges that chemical arms have been used against Afghan rebels, and said rebels had in fact used American-produced gas.

According to the U.S. State Department Monday, more than 3,000 Afghans had died after a series of combat-gas attacks since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in 1979. But Bakhtar, accusing the U.S. of a campaign of lies, said Wednesday U.S.-made chemical arms had recently been discovered in the Afghan province of Ghazni, and U.S.-made gas used by rebels in schools in Kabul last year.

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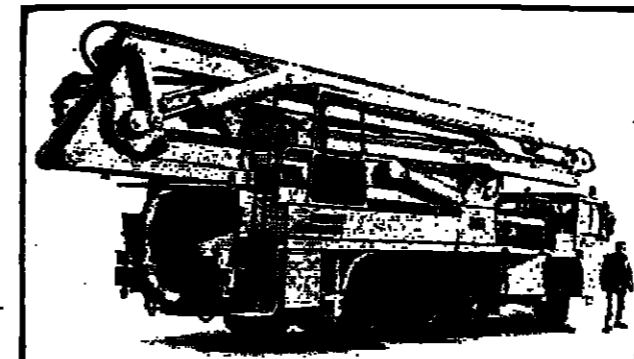
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## Presidential elections reviewed

## Habib meets Lebanese party leaders

BEIRUT, March 10 (Agencies) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib held talks Wednesday with leaders of Lebanon's opposing factions as part of his mission to reduce tensions in the Middle East.

Habib, who arrived in Beirut from Israel Tuesday, started his rounds Wednesday by meeting Camille Chamoun, a former president of the republic and head of the right-wing Christian alliance, the Lebanese Front. The U.S. envoy Tuesday also conferred with three former prime ministers.

Sources close to the ex-prime ministers said Habib had discussed ways of ensuring that Lebanese presidential elections take place as planned later this year, a move which Western diplomats say is vital to the pres-

ervation of some stability in the country.

Chamoun told reporters his talks with Habib had touched on the elections, prospects for reconciliation in Lebanon and the shaky ceasefire between Israel and Palestinians in South Lebanon.

The problems of electing a president in Lebanon to succeed Elias Sarkis when his term expires in September are enormous. Western diplomats say the price of failure could be a dangerous constitutional vacuum and renewed violence.

Habib was reported here Wednesday to have assured Lebanese leaders that Israel will not invade South Lebanon unless it is provoked by Palestinian commandos.

The report appeared in several nationalist

By Jordan

## W. Bank village leagues told to quit

TEL AVIV, March 10 (R) — Jordan has asked the Arab village leagues on occupied West Bank to resign within a month failing which they will be charged with treason leading to death penalty.

The organization of village leagues resented the order issued by Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran Tuesday.

The mayors of the main West Bank towns have accused the Israeli occupation authorities of creating the leagues as munici-

pal authorities to by-pass the elected leaders, most of whom support the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Jordan threatened those who remained in the leagues with penalties ranging from death to confiscation of property.

Five village leagues have been set up on the West Bank since the scheme started three years ago. The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Beirut issued a death threat to members of the village leagues several months ago.

## Pakistan bans hostile overseas journals

KARACHI, March 10 (AP) — A number of journals published abroad have been confiscated and banned in Pakistan by the government under the press and publication ordinance.

It affects the following publications: *Zul-fikhar* published in West Germany, *Bhagawat*

and *Khabarnama* published by the Organization of Progressive Pakistan at Hamburg, West Germany, *Aage Barho* also published in West Germany, *justice of New York*, *Pakistan people's newsletter* published in California and New York, *Benazir* of Norway and *Denmark* and *Hajiqat* of Belgium.

and independent Beirut newspapers as the American troubleshooter prepared for a second day of talks with Lebanese leaders on ways of consolidating a seven-month-old ceasefire between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The newspapers quoted unnamed Lebanese official sources as saying Habib told Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros that he can assure them Israel "will not attack in South Lebanon unless provoked."

Speaking to reporters after the talks with Habib Wazzan apparently confirmed the reported assurance but sounded skeptical. "We have heard reassuring words but none of us can be certain or fully reassured," said Wazzan. "We face a bitter, treacherous enemy."

Wazzan has along been warning that Israel was preparing for a Southern Lebanon invasion and had urged all Arab countries to forge a collective strategy to cope with such an offensive militarily, politically and economically.

The PLO had publicly pledged to respect the ceasefire which Habib helped negotiate last July 24, but it asserted the truce applies only to cross-border attacks from South Lebanon. The PLO also emphasized it will continue commando operations from within the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

## Zia briefs Assad on mediation

DAMASCUS, March 10 (R) — Pakistan's President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq arrived Wednesday for an official visit to Syria. President Zia, as a member of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) peace mission trying to end the 18-month-old war between Iran and Iraq, briefed President Hafez Al-Assad on latest developments in the mission's mediation efforts, officials sources said. The mission recently visited Baghdad and Tehran.

Syria has accused Iraq of starting the war and says it is an unwelcome distraction from the Arab conflict with Israel.

In Amman, the royal palace announced that President Zia would begin a visit to Jordan Thursday for talks with King Hussein and senior government officials. Informed sources said President Zia was expected to brief King Hussein on the peace mission's mediation efforts.

## Sinai force chief arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV, March 10 (AP) — Norwegian Lt. Gen. Fredrik Bull-Hansen arrived Wednesday to assume command of the Sinai peace-keeping force and said he expected to overcome logistical problems in setting up the 11-nation force.

## Ecevit denied passport

ANKARA, March 10 (AFP) — The Turkish military authorities have refused to issue a passport to former Social Democratic Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, ex-president of the Republican Peoples Party (RPP), and RPP source said here Wednesday.

The source noted that both Ecevit and the RPP are under official investigation.

Ecevit applied for a passport last month to visit the United States where he has been invited to deliver a series of university lectures. The current investigation is the third of its kind in nine months. Each probe has aimed at establishing links between the RPP on the one hand and, on the other, extreme-left terrorists, the banned Turkish Commun-

ist Party, and trade unions involved in organizing demonstrations. Ecevit was jailed last Dec. 1 for violating a decree banning political activity. He was freed Feb. 1.

## Qaddafi visits Vienna

VIENNA, March 10 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi arrived here Wednesday at the head of a 22-member delegation including his foreign, heavy industry and trade ministers for a four-day visit to Austria. He was met at the airport by Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and several ministers.

The Libyan leader was in military uniform but was not given a military reception.

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## POSTPONING M.E. PEACE

The surprise voiced by both Western and Middle East media about the failure of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to accomplish anything on his latest tour of the Middle East is, in itself surprising. Such reaction causes concern, is it really possible that Habib has even talked the Middle Eastern press into believing that his final goal is to accomplish anything positive?

The special envoy to the Middle East has been walking a very fine line in a number of ways, but very few observers in the Arab world in general and the Middle East in particular, have viewed his visits as a real effort to accomplish anything. No one can dispute that even if Habib was considering only Middle East politics, he would have a major job ahead of him... and even under the most perfect and peaceful circumstances.

Habib's "special" tactics are really not surprising at all. Not due to his consideration of a number of volatile Middle East situations, but due to the role U.S. politics and Zionist influences have upon him, and more importantly, his bosses.

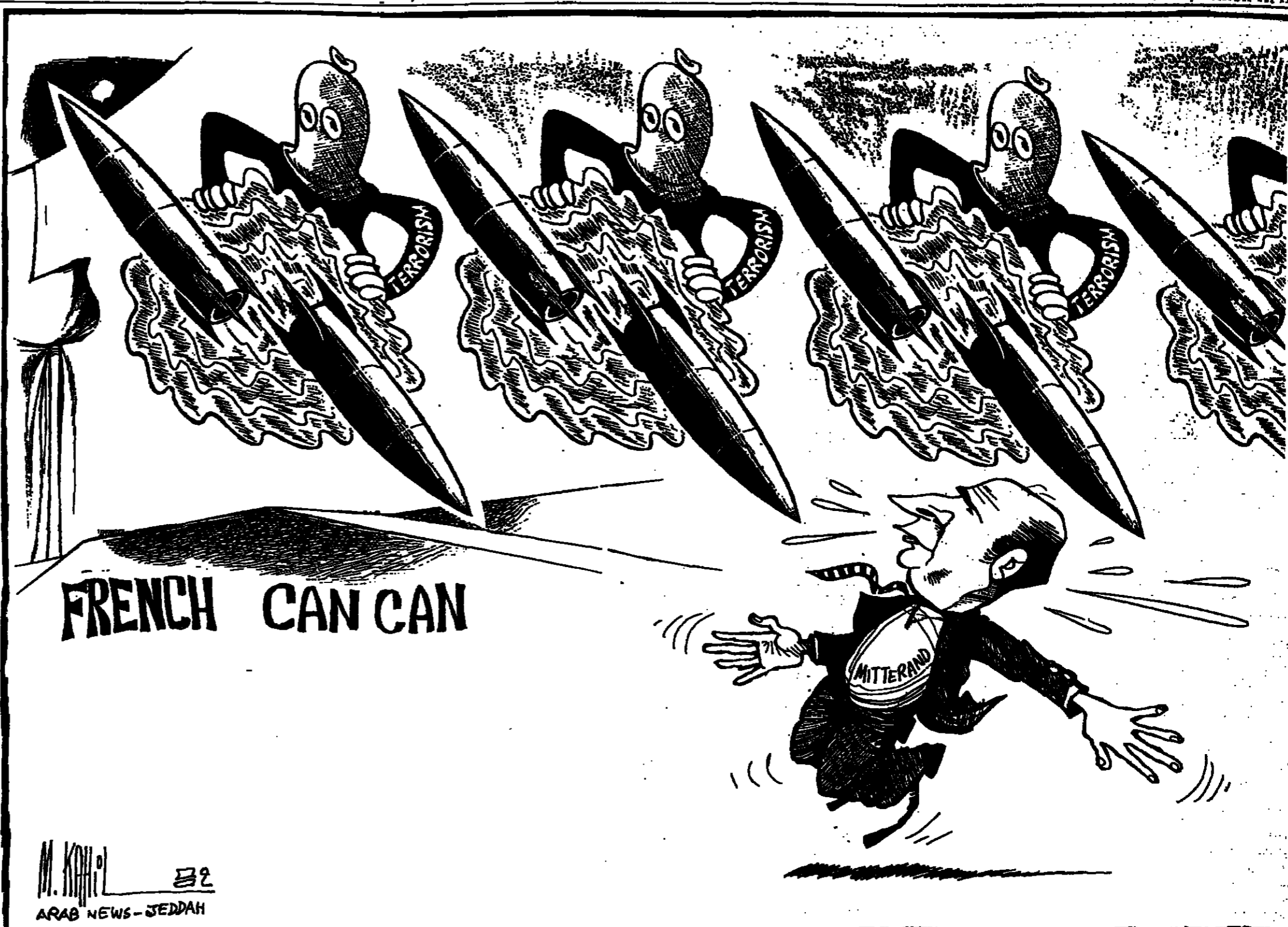
Any "mediator" from the United States has to be very suspect to begin with. It is similar to the old jokes about sending the fireman out to sell fire extinguishers or the life insurance salesman who sells coffins.

It is no surprise that Lebanon and Syria have been less than cordial when Habib arrived there. How could they be expected to welcome with open arms someone who is openly providing their enemy Israel with everything it needs to continue the conflict, arms, ammunition, planes, even financial backing.

And at the same time how could U.S. officials or Habib be so naive to expect their mediator to be accepted when the U.S. is responsible for Israel's backing? Both political and economic repercussions would be immediately instituted in the United States by Zionist influences there if it looks like any solution to the Middle East crisis is near. It is not as if the United States is an uncommitted bystander, many, many jobs depend upon the production of those provisions of war which are given to Israel and sold to other militants throughout the world.

The Zionist influence on U.S. politicians and this lobby's strength within the media were widely felt during the AWACS sale and obviously President Reagan bases even some of his more crucial decisions on how Israel will react to any decision. This is evident from the promises he made when the question arose about planes for Jordan. Even then, the U.S. president was forced to promise that any sale that is made will not endanger Israel's balance of arms in the Middle East.

Therefore, it appears that any efforts made by the United States to "solve" the Middle East crisis are in effect only attempts to postpone peace. The United States has almost as much to gain from the crisis occurring in the Middle East as Israel and politically, perhaps more. The solution, quite obviously, lies not with the shuttling of "mediators" from countries which have much to lose if the Middle East crisis is settled, but with following guidelines which have been established by parties to the conflict who know where the sore-points lie and who are intimately knowledgeable about the problem. The solution lies within the Arab nation, in establishing Arab solidarity first and then through the implementation of a well-thought-out and formulated plan such as that suggested by Crown Prince Fahd.



## Papandreou and Cyprus: rescuer or wrecker?

By Robert Little

The Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou returned to Athens last week after spending three days in the Greek Cypriot-controlled south of the divided island, during which it has been claimed he destroyed all possible hopes of an inter-communal agreement between the two sides for possibly decades to come.

Not since the former Turkish prime minister, Bulent Ecevit, failed to persuade the British government under Sir (then) Harold Wilson to honor its constitutional obligations under the 1959 London and Zurich agreements, and join with Turkey in protecting the island's independence against the Greek colonels' attempted coup in 1974, has relations between the two eastern Mediterranean neighbors been so low.

In the process the Greek leader, by this one ill-advised act, has attracted the diplomatic censure of Washington, the U.N. Secretariat and most of his European allies. It has become rapidly clear that, whatever tactical advantages he had hoped to gain, his precipitate action has had the opposite effect.

Experienced Cyprus watchers have been thrown into complete confusion trying to follow the rationale, if any, behind the Greek prime minister's erratic behavior in deliberately undermining the inter-communal talks at present being held under U.N. auspices. Former U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim labored long and diligently to prepare a formula that would serve as a guideline for negotiations that might lead to an eventual agree-

ment between the two communities. These negotiations are now dead.

It was known when Waldheim first put forward his 10-point program for the inter-communal talks early last year that there was no real enthusiasm among large sections of the Greek Cypriot leadership for accepting the secretary-general's initiative. At the time it was Greek Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou, who argued with his colleagues that to reject the Waldheim proposals out-of-hand, with-out at least holding talks, would expose the republic of Cyprus (Greek Cypriot) government to charges of insincerity by the international community.

Nevertheless, the Greek Cypriot leaders have never made any great secret that their ultimate aim is to see a return to a one government administered, undivided island on the pre-1974 pattern. This, however, following the minority community's experiences in the past, the Turkish Cypriot leaders in the north have sworn to never accept again. Only a bizonal federal republic, with separate state administrations, is their declared minimal acceptable terms.

Failing this, the alternative which at present neither the Turkish Cypriot leaders nor the Turkish government in Ankara would really want to see, will be a permanently divided island with an autonomous Turkish Cyprus state in the north, with or without international recognition.

Papandreou's claim, therefore, in front of a special session of the Greek-Cypriot parliament that Greece, as a guarantor power of the independence

of Cyprus, would not accept any settlement of the problem leaving part of the island, as he described it, "under foreign occupation" is an extremely dangerous gambit to play in such a delicate situation.

He overlooks the fact that under the 1959 constitution for Cyprus Turkey also (along with Britain) is one of the guarantor powers. Nor should it be forgotten that the presence of the 28,000 Turkish troops in Cyprus today is a direct result of another Greek government's abortive attempt to overturn that constitution and annex the island by force of arms. So, rather than advancing the cause of an ultimate peacefully negotiated settlement between the two Cypriot communities under neutral U.N. supervision, the Greek prime minister in a single stroke has managed to put back the clock seven and a half years.

The real irony being that no one understands all of this better than the new U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar who, as undersecretary-general, was Waldheim's special representative in Cyprus for two years. Only recently he held meetings in New York with representatives of countries with diplomatic missions in Cyprus and interested members of the nonaligned group and outlined some new ideas on the problem to the Greek Ambassador to the U.N. And De Cuellar has already arranged to meet the two communities' leaders, President Kyprianou and the elected Turkish Cypriot President Rauf Denktash, in Rome later next month.

What must be of major concern to the U.N.

secretary-general since the Greek leader's provocative visit to Cyprus and its likely reaction on the Turkish government in Ankara, are the reported remarks made by Papandreou following his first meeting in Athens with Kyprianou that "Cyprus is part of the territory of Greece."

In a press release from the semi-official news agency ANA Papandreou was quoted as saying: "Part of our national territory (Cyprus) still remains under foreign military occupation." Which conveniently ignores the historical fact that at no time has the island ever been completely under Greek tutelage.

What De Cuellar is now anxiously waiting to see is precisely in what way will the Turkish head of state, Gen. Kenan Evren, and his five-man National Security Council, react to this latest Greek attempt to extend its hegemony?

One suggestion being canvassed last week in political circles in the Turkish sector of the Cypriot capital of Nicosia was that President Denktash should now extend an invitation to Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu, to pay an official visit to the northern federated state. A more effective response, claimed a Turkish Cypriot source close to the prime minister designate's office, would be if Gen. Evren in his capacity of commander-in-chief of the Turkish armed forces was to visit the north to conduct a review of the security troops.

But so far official reaction in Ankara to the Greek leader's rabble-rousing motorcade tour of southern Cyprus has been muted and restrained. In part this may have been attributable to the absence from Turkey of Evren, who at the time was on a ten-day official visit to Bulgaria.

Though even without this coincidence it has been markedly noticeable that there has been a reluctance by the authorities in Ankara to actively respond too aggressively to the new Greek prime minister since his election to office last October. This has been interpreted as a period of grace during which the Turkish government might be able to obtain a balanced assessment of Papandreou's future intentions.



## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 11th, the 70th day of 1982. There are 295 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

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1795 — The Marathas defeat the Mogul of Kurda in India.

1810 — Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte of France weds Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria by proxy.

1845 — Maoris stage further uprising against British rule in New Zealand.

1913 — Britain and Germany agree on frontier between Nigeria and Cameroun.

1915 — British blockade of Germany goes into effect.

1920 — Emir Faisal is proclaimed king of an independent Syria.

1935 — Uprising led by E. Venizelos in Greece is suppressed.

1943 — British Eighth Army repulses heavy German counterattacks in Tunisia.

1964 — South Africa withdraws from International Labor Organization.

1966 — Mobs sweep through Calcutta and surrounding towns in India in second day of food rioting, and police kill five of the rioters.

1976 — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon acknowledges he ordered Central Intelligence Agency to try to keep Marxist-Salvador Allende from becoming president of Chile in 1970.

1980 — Iran's President Bani-Sadr accuses militants at U.S. Embassy in Tehran of being influenced by pro-Soviet groups.

Thought for today:

Never economize on luxuries — Angela Thirkell, English novelist (1890-1961).

## Southern Sudan faces civil war threat

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI —

Ten years ago this month, the 17-year-old civil war in the southern Sudan ended with the signing of the Addis Ababa accord, ushering in a new era of peace and cooperation with the Arab north.

But the threat of civil war breaking out once more in this swampy third of Sudan is again very real — so real that President Jaafar Numeiri has taken the unprecedented step of reversing his earlier decision to seek a referendum on whether the southerners want to have three separate regions, each with their own legislature, or remain within one semi-autonomous unit, with headquarters in Juba.

Last October he shocked the people of the south, mostly black non-Muslims who belong either to Nilotic or to Bantu tribes, by dissolving the southern regional assembly and sacking the top man, Abel Alier. In his place a military governor was installed to run a transitional administration until fresh elections are held, followed by a proposed referendum to seek the view of southerners on splitting their region into three separate zones as has been done in the northern Sudan where there are now five regions.

Nothing in the past decade has done so much to alienate the southerners against the central government in Khartoum than this sudden, unexpected move — not even the highly unpopular decision to site Sudan's second oil refinery in the north at Kosti

rather than closer to the oilfields at Bentiu in the south, or the earlier dispute over whether the country's main oil deposits are legally in southern or northern Sudan.

The discovery of oil several years ago introduced an entirely new issue into relations between the north and the south. After years of feeling like second-class citizens in a long-neglected part of the country, the prickly southerners became intoxicated with visions of new oil wealth giving them the economic and political power to "go it alone", or at least sufficient funds to finance their own development projects.

But it was not quite so simple — as the southerners soon discovered, and their disillusionment brought back many of the deep-rooted fears and suspicions of the northerners, coupled with inter-tribal rivalry within the black south's largest tribe, the Dinka, and most of the others, including the Bantu tribes of Equatoria which borders on Zaire and Uganda.

This coincided with the hopes of certain southern leaders, especially Joseph Lagu who wields considerable influence in Khartoum. It was Lagu who led the "Anyanya" guerrillas in their 17-year war against the Sudanese army, and afterward served for a time as chief of the Higher Executive Council, the ruling body based in Juba.

His arch-rival has long been the Dinka political

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

The Kingdom's persistent efforts to prevent Zionist penetration into Africa, the constructive outcome of the GCC ministerial meeting and the Islamic Goodwill Committee's efforts to bring peace between Iraq and Iran appeared in editorial comment in Wednesday's newspapers.

Dealing with the Kingdom's moves for preventing Zionist penetration in Africa, *Okaz* said Senegalese President Abdou Diouf has stressed during his recent talks with Saudi Arabian leaders that Senegal will never resume relations with Israel and ruled out any move by African countries, except for few exceptions, to restore relations with the Zionist entity.

"This shows the significance of the Kingdom's role to tighten the ring around Israel's malicious designs," the paper said.

"The Arabs led by the Kingdom have a strong feeling that African states cannot encourage the Zionist racism, aggression and occupation of Arab

lands. The Arabs hope that Senegal, with all its effective weight in West Africa, will provide a strong defense against any Israeli penetration into Africa," it added.

Commenting on the outcome of the third session of the GCC ministerial meeting in Riyadh *Al-Yom* said, "...all that has been achieved so far by the council is but a beginning of a gigantic Gulf stride for absorbing the potentials and resources of the Gulf states in the economic, security and defense fields."

The paper described the current cooperation among the GCC members as an embodiment of collective potentials, "which will be put into effect in the near future through the drawing up of a comprehensive plan for the progress and prosperity of the people of the Gulf region."

It added that the GCC has provided an excellent example for meaningful cooperation for forging Arab unity and healing Arab rifts.

Commenting on the efforts of the Islamic Good-

will Committee to settle the Iraq-Iran dispute, *Al-Bilad* said, "The comprehensive moves undertaken by the committee have demonstrated to the whole world the new dimension of the Islamic strength."

The paper underlined the committee's success in its work will be a practical symbol of a significant political work at a time when many of the Muslim states are faced with intrigues and plots of the Communist and Zionist powers.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al-Jazirah* said the involvement of some Western European countries in backing the Khomeini regime by providing it with weapons, has enabled Iran's rulers to continue the war against Iraq.

The paper called on all Arab states led by the GCC member states to reconsider their economic and political relations with the European countries, "which have allowed their citizens to become arms dealers and agents for providing Iran with piles of hardware to continue its fighting with Iraq." (SPA)

## A Ninth Grade production

# Modern touches, humor help teenagers enjoy Shakespeare

By Jean Grant  
Al Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN — Juliet wails. "I'm too young to die, O Romeo, Romeo wherefore art thou Romeo?" A motorcycle revs up in the distance, then roars onstage. The motorcyclist, none other than Romeo, shouts, "Here I am, babe!" Juliet hops on behind him, and off they roar, speeding away from the unhappy fate reserved for them by William Shakespeare.

Not much later, a disturbed Hamlet advises his fiancée, Ophelia, to "get thee to a nunnery." But instead of moaning over being ditched, this spunky Ophelia stamps her foot, and berates her indecisive boyfriend: "How dare he, that jerk: he gave me the brush off. I'm not going to a nunnery. No way!" When asked, "Well, where are you going?" she answers, "I'm going mad! Stark crazy! Nuts! Bananas! Off my rocker! He threw me over and I can't stand it." Ophelia has her threatened breakdown, and jumps in the river to give everyone a good scare. But alas she goes: "I forgot I couldn't swim."

"This is Shakespeare as you never knew it," claims the billing for the Ninth Grade production of *Shakespeare and the Shrinks* at Dhahran Academy's 5th Annual Shakespeare Festival. Ghosts and gangsters, women's libbers and witches, kings and conspirators all rub shoulders as time-honored Shakespearean heroes and villains are scrutinized by 20th century psychiatrists.

### Farce leads to Appreciation

Playwright and teacher, Barbara Britton, believes such farce can lead teenage children to an appreciation of the bard. "They are ready for Shakespeare as long as it is lifted with modern touches and humor," said Britton who has written and directed four such Shakespearean spoofs. Having directed earlier this year that she was not up to effort of writing yet another script, she nearly precipitated a mutiny by students who claimed that they had come to Ninth Grade "to do Shakespeare."

### Highlights are used

In her adaptations, Britton picks out the highlights of the most familiar works. "That way the student is memorizing something significant, and when he comes across that speech in later life he will recognize it." She adds that the parents are also pleased to hear their offspring reciting such famous lines as "tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in this petty pace from day to day to the last syllable of recorded time..."

When peppered with 20th-century slang, the famous speeches take on a natural flavor

as they roll off adolescent tongues. Much of the sound of the Shakespearean iambic pentameter is kept. So, too, is the high drama, the blood and thunder, and the triumph of right over wrong. These are matched with 20th century camp: when a soothsayer warns him about the Ides of March, Julius Caesar brushes her off with a resounding "dumb broad!"

Before she begins to write the script, Britton considers the casting of her 75 students. "I look at them through Shakespearean eyes," she said. "At the very beginning of the school year, I knew I had a Kate (brilliantly played by Eileen Heinebaugh), and a Cleopatra."

Some ideas for the script came from the students themselves. "I encourage them because what they see as funny, works. They come up with the best ideas." It was a student's idea, for example, to have assistant principal, Jim McKay, interrupt the conspirators at Caesar's assassination. He scolds them in his gravelly voice. "Boys! You know the school rules. No knives at school! Detention for a year or maybe two." Instead of meekly following him to their punishment, the conspirators chase him offstage, brandishing their knives fiendishly.

### Hilarity Reigns

There is scant reverence for the bard in Britton's script: none of the whispers, awe, or boredom often associated with the 400-year-old lines. Instead, hilarity reigns as 2 psychiatrists discuss the classic examples of megalomania, suicide, insomnia, and the Oedipus Complex in Petruchio, Ophelia, Lady Macbeth, and Hamlet.

The shrinks advise group counseling for Julius Caesar's conspirators — "just your average big city street gang, they had to cut up the big boss to muscle their way in." family counseling is urged upon King Lear and his daughters while Romeo and Juliet are viewed as "two typical teenagers...no big problems there."

Hamlet is a case study in precocious potty training and/or child neglect: Lady Macbeth is prescribed a dose of Valium to relieve her insomnia as she wanders about at night muttering, "Here's the smell of blood still; all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand."

Broad visual humor and improbable situations dominate the skit. Brutus gets an ulcer from honorably running on his sword after his defeat by Antony's forces. It is operated on by a gaggle of medical butchers who yank out his intestines and amputate a leg instead of extracting the ulcer. "He still has a chest, arms, and a head — that's more than Macbeth has," comments one professor while the

receptor adds "he'll have trouble doing physical education, but he'll be able to write his history term paper."

### The three Witches

One of the finest scenes is that of Macbeth's three witches concocting their brew. The omnibus, which was subtitled "Why didn't the witches take home economics?" shows them as college dropouts, "aspiring galloping gourmets," who fly from one cooking school to another. "It was great practice," said Witch Number 2 Shivan Ursery. "We would run, scream and cackle." As they toss ingredients into the cauldron, the strobe lights flicker and smoke from the health fills the stage.

All the students found the modern lines far easier to memorize than Shakespeare's. One loyal student even judged "Mrs. Britton's lines were better than Shakespeare's." When Mark Antony says, "Friends, Romans, countrymen, I come to bury Caesar not to praise him," Brutus comments in an aside to the audience, "Sounds good doesn't it?" It is just such an unsentimental approach to the bard that wins over the students.

"Through the festival, we all learned a lot about Shakespeare — his life, his plays and the characters he created," said a very young Lady Macbeth. The spoof debunked a half-dozen plays of the bard, and although the students learned who was who, many in the audience never knew or had long forgotten. Signs helped to let them know who was who. Romeo's entry on a motorcycle was announced by a huge sign with *Hero* in bold capitals. Shylock comes for his pound of flesh, accompanied by signs with *BOO! HISS!* written on them. Characters are killed off at a hilarious rate: Macbeth is even hauled off-stage behind a sign urging *Don't peek*.

Shakespeare wrote for all ages. Even 400 years ago, there were matinees for Elizabethan children. His plays were never written during his lifetime except in script form. He did not intend them to be read, but to be acted. Most of the Ninth Graders claimed to have enjoyed the experience.

There have, of course, been many previous attempts to introduce Shakespeare to kids. In 1807, the English essayist, Charles Lamb, and his sister produced a retelling of the stories called *Tales from Shakespeare* which enjoyed a tremendous vogue. As recently as 1958, Marchette Chute again retold many of the stories for children. What Britton has done in Dhahran is even more original and entertaining. Her spoofs might make even the bard himself turn over in his grave to have a chuckle or two at the absurdities of *Shakespeare and the Shrinks*.

## Racing to break last aviation barrier, aircraft firms compete to circle globe

By Ronald Clarke

MOJAVE, California. (R) — Two small aircraft companies are competing in this sand-swept desert town to break one of the last barriers in aviation — to fly round the world without refueling.

Rival pilots Tom Jewett and Dick Rutan will have almost to double the existing record of 12,512 miles (20,131 km) without refueling, set by a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber, to reach their target.

In an airfield hangar here on the edge of the Mojave Desert, 20 miles (32 km) from where the space shuttle *Columbia* is due to land later this month, Jewett and his Quicksilver Aircraft Corporation are putting the final touches to their plans for a record attempt early in May.

Rutan, of the rival Voyager Aircraft Corporation, does not expect to make his attempt until the spring of next year.

"There is certainly an element of danger in the flight, but I don't see myself as a daredevil," the quietly-spoken Jewett said. "I think we have a 90 to 95 percent chance of being successful."

His plane, *Free Enterprise*, which is only 24 feet (eight meters) long, has a wingspan of 51 feet (16 meters) and will carry between 365 and 475 gallons (1,400 and 1,800 liters) of fuel.

"The plane will have fuel in its wings and in tanks at the end of each wing and in two tanks built into the fuselage," 30-year-old Jewett said.

### Garbage bricks could rival coal

MADRAS (PTI) — Conversion of street garbage into briquettes or pellets which can be used as fuel for domestic and industrial purposes may help ease the problem of garbage disposal in Indian cities.

This possible solution for the disposal of solid wastes was suggested by J. N. Ramaswamy and N. Sathiyakumar of the Center for Environmental Studies, college of engineering, Perinagar Anna University of Technology, Madras, at a conference here on "water and waste engineering in Asia."

Typical garbage from Madras city, when made into briquettes by simple manual hydraulic pressing has a calorific value of about 2500 calories per gram — half the amount of heat given by Indian coal.

The experimental briquettes are prepared by adding water to the garbage to make it into a paste, which is pressed into molds. The briquettes, each containing about 30 grams of garbage can be dried in the open for about four days or in ovens.

Normal city garbage in India consists mainly of paper, pieces of cloth, leaves and grass, plastic wood and small amounts of iron, coal, leather, rubber and glass. Dust and earth make up about one fifth of the total garbage.

However, one problem that may curb the widespread use of this method is the high level of ash produced by burnt briquettes. They leave about half their weight as ash after burning.

"With an engine designed to reduce fuel consumption, we hope to average 60 miles (96 km) to the gallon for the 23,000 mile (37,000 km) route we have planned," he said.

Under the rules of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the sanctioning body for the flight, the plane must fly at least 22,858 miles (36,778 km) to be considered to have flown around the world.

*Free Enterprise* will cruise at an altitude of between 20,000 and 27,000 feet (6,600 and 8,800 meters) in the jet stream.

"The flight should take about four days and I will sleep about 10 hours of that time," Jewett said. "The plane has an automatic pilot and four alarms to wake me if the plane goes off course or loses height."

To take full advantage of tail winds, Jewett plans to leave from Houston, Texas, cross the Gulf of Mexico to Miami, Florida, fly over the Atlantic north of the Azores to northern Spain and continue over Egypt, Saudi Arabia and India.

The route continues over parts of Burma and China to Japan before he crosses the Pacific to Northern California. Back in the United States, Jewett will fly over Tulsa, Oklahoma, before returning to Houston.

*Free Enterprise* will drop its landing gear soon after taking off to lighten its load and will land at about 60 miles an hour (96 kph) on a wooden skid attached to the fuselage, Jewett said.

To qualify for the record, the plane must not land or refuel during its flight.

"The most dangerous part of the flight will be the first 300 miles (480 km) when the plane will be heavy with fuel," Jewett said.

"There could also be trouble if the engine packed up over a mountainous area at night," Jewett, who weighs 170 pounds (77 kg), said without an engine the plane could glide about 150 miles (240 km) from 25,000 feet (8,200 meters).

"Every pound I can lose will mean an extra five miles (eight km) to our gliding range," he added.

Jewett estimates the entire flight program will cost between \$350,000 and \$400,000 and he is confident that now the plane is built, he will obtain some major sponsors to enable him to break even financially.

Asked how his wife, Roxan, felt about the flight, he said: "she is concerned, but she is all for it."

Rutan will have a co-pilot, Jeana Yeager, 29, who weighs only 91 pounds (41 kg), on his flight, which he expects to take about 10 days.

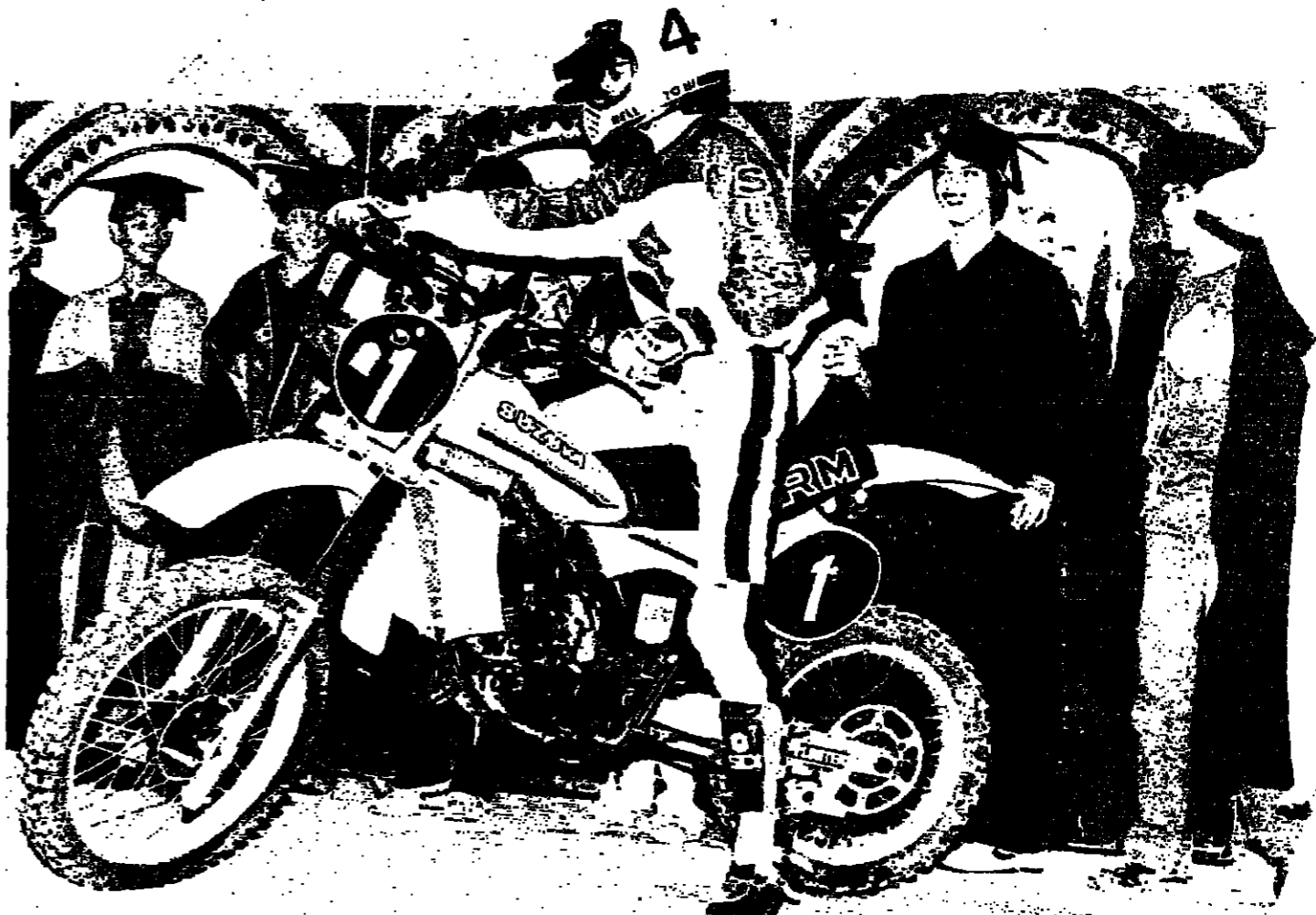
"We are not going to take any short cuts," he said. "The world is 25,000 miles (40,225 km) around and that is the distance we will fly, mainly over water."

A retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Rutan said the plane was being built and would be shown to the world when the time was ready.

The aircraft will carry 1,400 gallons (5,300 liters) of fuel, he said, adding: "You can say it's a big plane."

There would be a space behind the cockpit where the person not flying the plane could sleep. "My total life at present is committed to this flight," Rutan said.

Asked if it would be dangerous, he replied: "We have the technology to make the flight. The danger to mankind is lying in bed and being scared to do it."



HERE COMES ROMEO: In this highschool production of 'Romeo and Juliet,' Romeo rides onto the stage in his motorcycle and speeds away with Juliet.

### Chinese opera is breathtaking

## National drama combines music, dance; actors' costumes colorful

TAIPEI — Chinese opera is the national drama of the world's most numerous people. It is breathtakingly colorful to the ear as well as the eye. Combining music and dance, it contains stylized pantomime as well as strenuous acrobatics.

Chinese opera was called *Ch'ing Hai*, opera of the capital — Peiking. When Peking changed its name to Peiping, it was called *Ping Chu* — Peiping drama. Now it is recognized as *Kuo Chu*, national drama for the reason that it is a genuine Chinese art upholding Chinese virtues such as loyalty, filial piety, chastity, justice and righteousness.

Operatic flavor is lent by the fact that roles are "sung" — but this partly negated by the tremendous stress placed upon what it seen. If the two must be compared, visual impressions are probably more important than aural values.

Above all, this is a drama of tradition, of pattern fixed and immutable, yet always subject to the slight nuances of change that emerge from the individuality of a great performer.

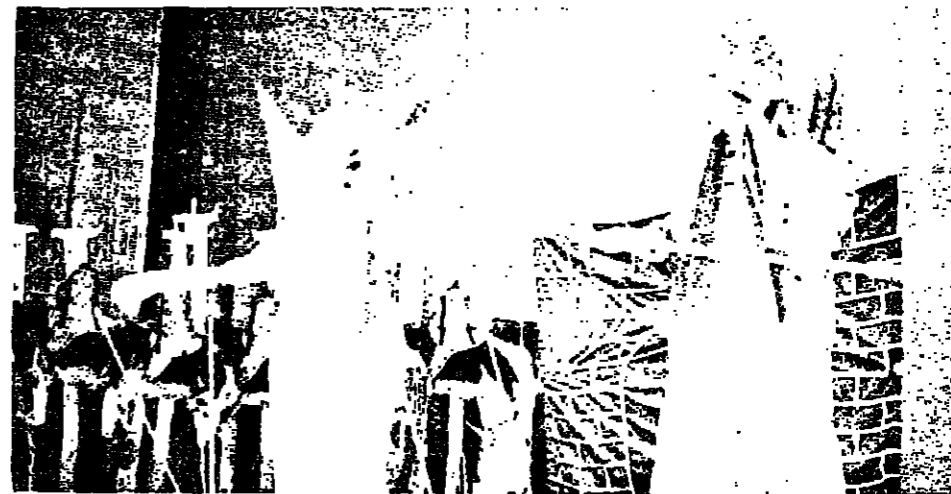
Musically, Chinese opera utilizes instruments not entirely strange to Western eyes: the *hu chin*, which has two silk strings and is played with a horsehair bow; *yueh chin* or the four-stringed moon guitar; *Pi P'a* or the melon lute; *ti zu* or bamboo flute; and an assortment of drums, clackers, gongs and cymbals. There are altogether 24 kinds of musical instruments; a number are heard rarely.

### Typical Plot

Plays are concerned with the whole range of human emotions, but lean toward a preoccupation with royalty, wars and romance. Most stories are several hundred years old although there is a tendency to write new and more modern dramas. *The Story of Su San the Courtesan*, which today is produced in



CHENG CHARACTER: Heavily painted faces and elaborate costumes are usual for these players who often represent the military.



ROMANTIC PRESENTATION: The highlight of the opera 'The Encounter at Ku Cheng,' Kuang Kung, right, fights with Thai Yang, left. Note the elaborate costumes. The opera was adapted from a popular novel 'The Romance of the Three Kingdoms.'

extracts rather than in whole, will typify the plot line of many operas:

A scholar falls in love with Su San a singing girl, and they are happy together. But he spends all his money and the proprietress turns him out. He takes refuge in a temple, and sends a messenger to Su San, who meets him and gives him 300 ounces of silver for a trip to Peiping to compete in the imperial examinations. On the way he is robbed and becomes a beggar.

Su San finds him again and presents another gift of money. This time he passes the examinations and becomes a judge and inspector. Pining for her lover, Su San loses her popularity and is sold to a rich merchant.

The merchant's wife hates the girl and tries to kill her with a bowl of poisoned noodles. Instead, it is the merchant who eats and dies. Su San is accused of murder and sentenced to death after extraction of a false confession. The denouement can be guessed; her lover is one of the examining magistrates, and discovers the truth. The wicked wife is found out, and Su San and her lover are married to live happily ever after. There is a great trial scene in which Su San must sing of her past life for an hour while kneeling before the judges.

### Minimum Of Props

Dramatically, *ch'ing hsi* depends on the actor and his faithful performance of the role as custom has decreed. He has no assistance from scenery and very little from props. The stage is bare except for a small table and two chairs. This table may be a court or a mountain, and with a chair on top, it becomes a throne. Properties consist principally of weapons, sometimes worn and often used in the acrobatics so popular in plays about warfare. A riding crop serves to indicate the equestrian. He alights when he throws the whip on the stage. Other conventionalized gestures or movements indicate mounting, backing and tethering the horse.

### Costumes and Spectacle

If properties are few, costumes are many

and varied, and often bright with color. To the Western eye, much of the first interest in Chinese opera emerges from fascination with drama as a spectacle, and it is the costuming that stands out so brilliantly in this respect. Furthermore, the costumes have meaning and amount to a sort of type casting. There are definite categories of dress for rulers, generals, scholars, etc. Color is used to indicate rank, status and personal character.

Heavily painted faces are another unusual feature, fulfilling much the same function as masks in Greek drama. Color identifies the type of role played by the wearer: red for loyalty and bravery, black for integrity, green for spirits.

Classically speaking, there are four main divisions of *ch'ing hsi* acting, each of these subdivided into a number of narrower specialties. The major classifications are as follows:

The *sheng*, playing the roles of scholars, statesmen, warriors, and the like. They wear no painted makeup and except for young men, are bearded.

*Masculine Femininity*  
*Tan*, or women's roles, which until recently were filled by female impersonators. Even today, actresses must display a technique of femininity that was invented by the male mind and brought to perfection by male performers.

*Ching*, who paint their faces and foreheads for portrayals of some warriors, bandits, evil ministers, righteous judges, statesmen, and supernatural entities. Their roles are robust and they usually wear special highsoled boots to increase their height.

*Chou*, the clown and comic, who is alone in the use of colloquial speech. He can improvise and is usually a mimic and acrobat as well — a character close to the burlesque "top banana" of the United States.

*Wonderful World*  
All must be adept in specialized sleeve, hand and foot movements. This means a drama very foreign to that of the West. Even a door is closed symbolically; the actor merely brings his two hands together at arm's length. A girl may get rid of her lover in the same way. For a cavalry charge, the riders utilize their tasseled sticks. The act of paddling the air represents maritime transportation.

Chinese opera is a wonderful world of its own that must be seen and heard to be believed and taken seriously.

### Soviets wait years to obtain glasses

MOSCOW. (R) — More than 10,000 people have been waiting over two years to obtain spectacles from a specialist eye clinic in Moscow, the Communist Party daily *Pravda* complained recently.

It said the clinic, which provides bifocals and other special lenses, had stopped adding names to its waiting list two years ago but was still nowhere near dealing with a vast backlog of patients.

*Pravda* could offer no comfort to a reader who had written in to ask whom he could turn to as the clinic could not treat him. But it urged more opticians to acquire the skills to treat difficult eye problems.

Shortages of spectacles and long waiting lists even at ordinary opticians are among the most common complaints in the Soviet press.

*Pravda* said that 50 million people out of the Soviet Union's 270 million population were short-sighted.

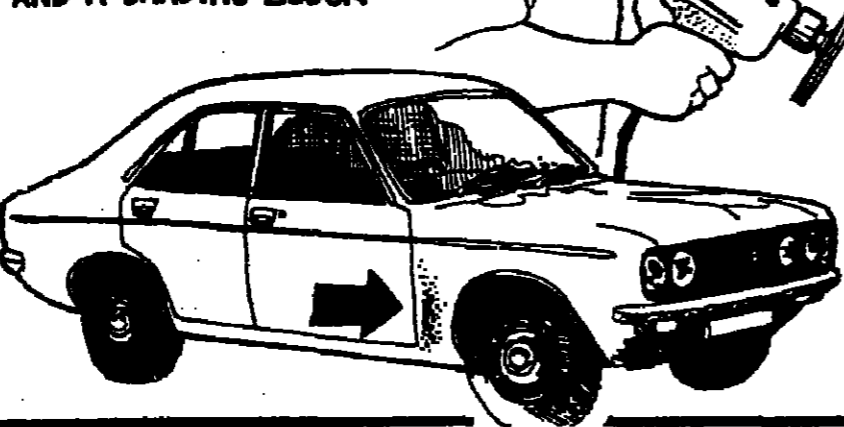
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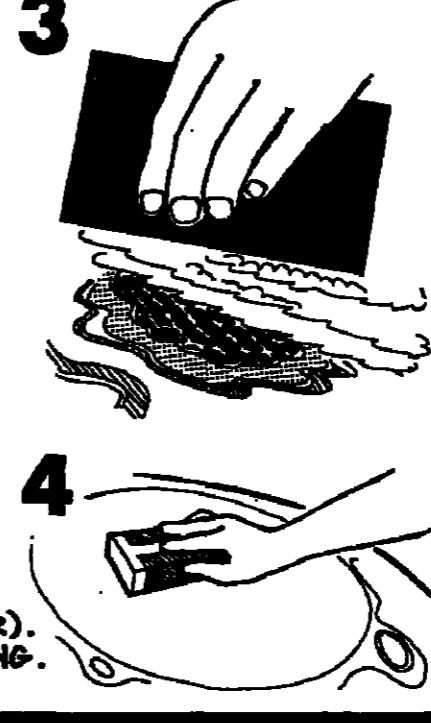
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- 4 WHEN THE FILLER IS HARD, RUB DOWN WITH PROGRESSIVELY FINER GRADES OF WET-AND-DRY PAPER (USE PLENTY OF WATER). LEAVE FOR A WEEK BEFORE PAINTING.



## At Houston's Hermann Hospital

# First 'comprehensive kidney facility' meets needs of all types of patients

By Cynthia Shanley  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Construction of the United States' first comprehensive facility to serve kidney patients is ahead of schedule, meaning the facility may very well be ready for patient occupancy as much as two months earlier than the official September 1982 target date.

The new kidney facility, called the Texas Kidney Institute (TKI), will be located here on the top floor of the city's Hermann hospital, the primary teaching hospital for the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Two additional floors, currently are being added to the hospital, the top one of which will house the new kidney institute.

What makes the Texas Kidney Institute unique is that all major disciplines having to do with the care of patients with in-stage renal disease will be housed on a single floor — which is unprecedented in the United States.

The 57-bed institute will be apportioned between adult nephrology, pediatric nephrology and transplantation. In addition to the patient care areas on the floor, there also will be offices and facilities for renal dietitians and renal social workers — both of which are sub-specialized groups.

The facility will house a new acute hemodialysis unit. It will contain 12 of the latest models in dialysis machines. The unit will have a capacity for both regular dialysis and what is called bicarbonate dialysis, which is particularly good for every ill patients. Also included will be expensive monitoring equipment, such as EKGs.

Located in another section of the new floor will be a small transplant intensive care unit for patients following transplantation as well as an area for the treatment of children on dialysis.

The two major divisions in the Texas Kidney Institute will be the combined surgery-

transplantation unit and the medicine section. As many as 100 transplants are expected to be performed in the new facility annually.

The idea behind TKI is to physically integrate those involved with the treatment of kidney patients in a congruous area where everyone from the nurses on through to the dietitian and physicians will have multiple interactions with each patient.

The hope is that a patient who has a newly diagnosed kidney disease and is admitted to the TKI, be he child or adult will have an introduction and a comprehensive evaluation — both medically, socially and dietary — and that the various options that are available to them, be they hemodialysis, transplantation or conservative management, can be managed in a comprehensive fashion.

All the facilities to be housed in the TKI currently exist in Hermann Hospital, and in other hospitals, but they are widely scattered. Adult nephrology patients, for example, who are admitted to Hermann Hospital now are on a general medicine ward. Renal dietitians, social workers and physicians see them, but if there is a need for the patient to see someone from transplantation service, they have to physically move to another area of the hospital. Perhaps even more important, they do not encounter other patients who may be undergoing transplant evaluation. They may or may not encounter other patients who have in-stage Renal disease because those patients may be on a different floor.

And the amount of patient-to-patient interaction that goes on is really considerable. Long after the doctors and hospital staffers go home for the day, families of the patients and the patients themselves meet to discuss their experiences with one another — such as why one patient is choosing one therapy versus another.

It is within that interaction that patients really develop with their decision-making

process. They take the information that is given to them by physicians, which is frequently overwhelming when first presented, and then compare it with other people who have survived and have opted for one choice over another.

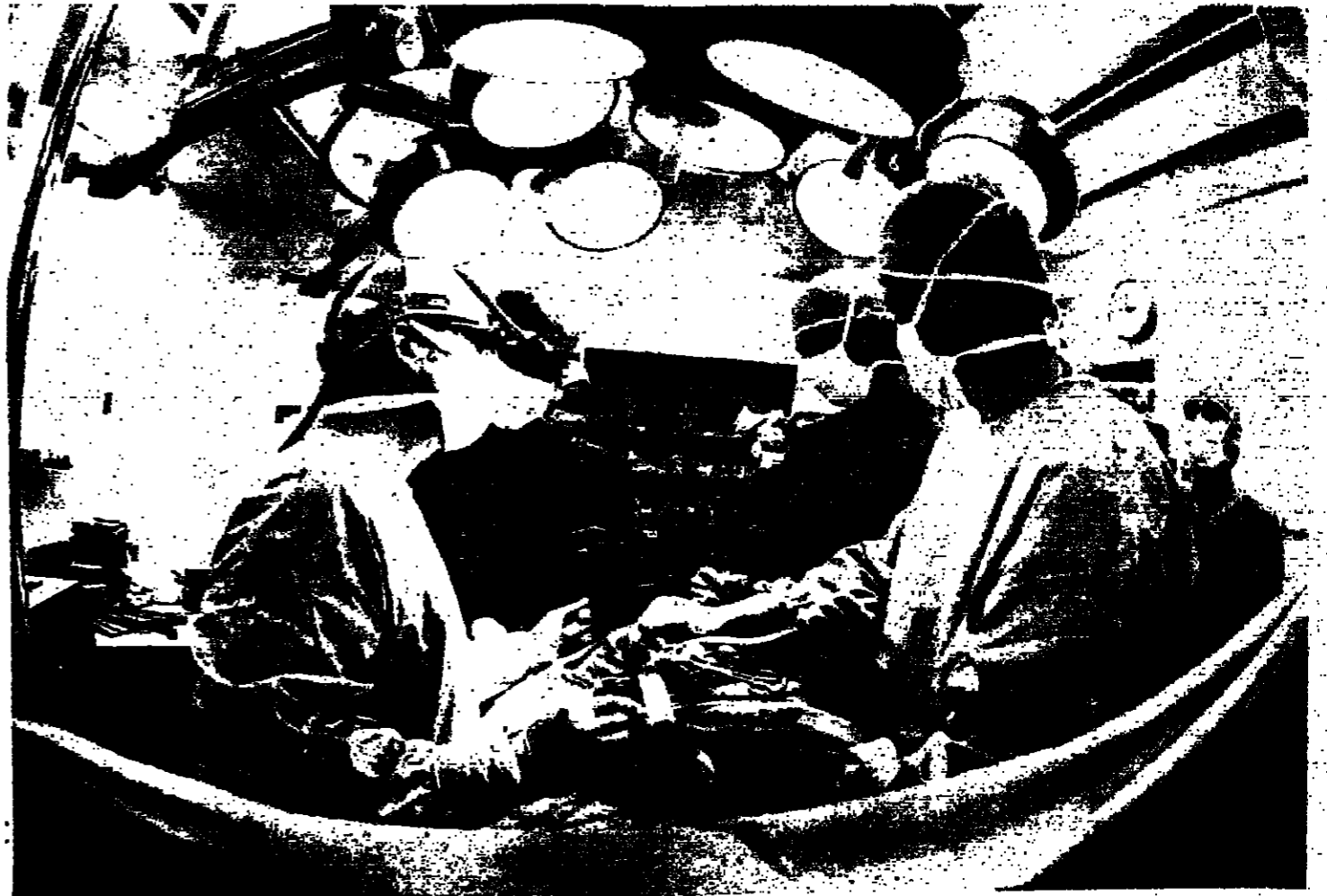
The care of patients with in-stage renal disease, at least in the United States, involves an enormous amount of people both by law and by precedent. So, for example, each medical facility has especially trained dietitians who do nothing else but deal with kidney patients. They don't deal with someone who has cancer or someone with heart disease. They deal just with patients with renal disease. The same is true of social workers and even nurses. So one of the real issues at TKI will be to have a huge corps of people with easy access to one another and all of whom represent a nephrological approach. The idea is that patients will be better informed and even better cared for. Because renal care is a long-term decision made by the patients, this can be a better-informed decision and they will have greater identity with the various people who interact with them.

When completed, the TKI, which will be a culmination of two years of planning, will function as would any other section in the hospital, with the exception that the only people who will be admitted will be patients with renal disease.

If all the beds are full, renal patients will be housed in other areas of the hospital, as they are now, and handled in the traditional way.

TKI's unveiling comes at a time when an estimated 100 to 120 new patients per year, per 1 million population base, are diagnosed with renal disease. Comparatively high figures exist in the Middle East.

The new facility's success will not be measured by the usual criteria. It will have to be measured more by what the outcomes are in terms of how patients integrate back to where they belong, rather than in just the hospital



HERMANN HOSPITAL OPERATION: Doctors complete a kidney transplant operation. A new kidney facility, called the Texas Kidney Institute, will open this September. It will be the first facility to house patients with in-stage renal disease in a single unit.

environment. The hope is that there will be a modest increase in the quality of care and a monumental increase in terms of integration, patient education, understanding and the

ability to move rapidly within the hospital system.

Its most unique feature, perhaps, will be the 10-bed pediatric unit where even small

babies will be able to receive peritoneal kidney dialysis while waiting to grow and develop enough to be considered transplant candidates.

## Polish plan to revive abandoned subway

By Thomas W. Netzer  
WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A slick TV ad shows silver subway cars gliding through tunnels with conductors calling out Warsaw station. What is odd is that Warsaw has no subway — just abandoned tunnels used to store cucumbers.

The ad is part of the government's campaign to increase enthusiasm for "metroproject," the latest in a long series of plans for a sleek Warsaw subway system.

Poland's premier and military leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, announced the project during a recent speech to parliament. The undertaking is an effort to cure this capital city's chronic transportation problems, which often leave many of its 1.5 million residents waiting in vain for a bus or tram. In the past two years, the bus and tram system has tottered on the verge of collapse, with buses lacking tires, batteries and other parts.

Portions of the subway were conceived as early as 1927. Sections were built during the Stalinist early 1950s, when some people noted the subway could serve as a bomb shelter — as did the Moscow and London subways during World War II.

But the tunnels are being used now to store cucumbers.

Edward Gierek, the Communist Party leader ousted during the latest Polish crisis, had promised that construction of the subway would resume in the 1970s.

But the project melted away once again, and sat idle while Poland saw the rise and fall of Solidarity as a trade union and the onset of martial law last December.

Now, with the help of the Soviet Union, Polish planners are beginning work on drawings for a 17 km.-long (10-mile) subway with 225 cars imported from the Soviet Union.

The plan calls for handling 76,000 passengers per hour.

Construction is to last six years and require 35,000 tons of steel and 100,000 tons of cement, planners say, and will eventually link all points of the city.

Warsaw public transportation now is described by some commuters as "nearly hopeless," forcing many persons who would normally use public conveyances to scrape together money for a private car.

Automobiles are expensive, though, costing upwards of 200,000 zlotys (about \$2,500). Average Polish salaries are about 7,000 zlotys (\$84) a month. In addition, cars are not always available for sale.

Experts have warned that the subway system could run into trouble because of moving sands which would make construction difficult.

### NEXT WEEK DR. STEINCROHN DISCUSSES

Saturday March 13

Treating gallstones medically with chenodeoxycholic acid has its drawbacks. It takes months or years before stones are completely dissolved. Treatment is usually not effective in dissolving a very large solitary stone.

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Monday March 15

The diet to end all diets.

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Tuesday March 16

Aspirin still a wonder drug, making it one of the medicine buys. In some cases taking tranquilizers before a polygraph test has confused the interpretation, but professional polygraphers say they can separate the innocent from the guilty.

Wednesday March 17

If you wish to be around on this earth a good while longer, pay attention to your doctor's prescriptions.

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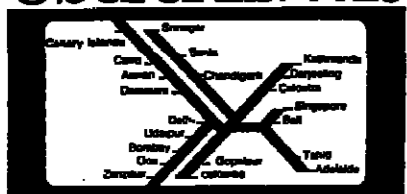
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## Paramilitary to be financed

## CIA plan on Nicaragua hinted

WASHINGTON March 10 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has approved a CIA plan for covert operations against Nicaragua and is directing the U.S. intelligence agency to start forming a paramilitary force of Latin Americans, *The Washington Post* said in Wednesday's editions.

The newspaper said that according to informed administration officials, which it did not identify, Reagan has rejected the use of American military forces in direct operations against Nicaragua. Administration officials have charged that Central American nation is serving as the military command center and supply line for guerrillas in nearby El Salvador.

But as part of the administration's strategy in the region, said the *Post*, the authorized covert plan directs the Central Intelligence Agency to start recruiting and financing a paramilitary force of up to 500 Latin Americans. They are to operate from camps along

the Nicaragua-Honduras border, said the newspaper.

In Managua, meanwhile, the Nicaraguan government issued a sharply worded statement Tuesday night, protesting "violation of the country's air space by North American spy planes." The Foreign Ministry's communiqué said, "these irresponsible acts serve to deepen still more the serious crisis and tension moving through the central American area."

The CIA-recruited commandos, said the *Post*, would try to destroy such targets in Nicaragua as power plants and bridges, with the aim of disrupting the nation's economy and diverting the leftist Sandinista government's attention and resources.

According to the newspaper, CIA strategists think such operations inside Nicaragua would slow the flow of arms to El Salvador, whose junta is supported by the United States against leftist insurgents. The newspaper's sources said it would take months for the commandos to be recruited, trained and put in position.

President Reagan and other officials have refused to comment on reports of the covert action plan. The *Post* had said on Feb. 14 that

such a plan existed, but said then that it was not known whether Reagan had approved the plan. Wednesday's article said that according to several informed sources Reagan has formally authorized it.

The planned 500-man force would operate under a \$19 million CIA budget and could be enlarged if necessary, according to the *Post*. The newspaper said that according to knowledgeable but unnamed officials, the plan was supported by Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Hours before the *Post* article appeared, Adm. Bobby Inman, deputy director of the CIA, dismissed Nicaraguan claims that the nation's defenses are being upgraded to combat possible intervention against the Sandinista regime by the United States or U.S.-backed groups. Inman told reporters he knew of "no large destabilization action" under way against the Nicaraguan government.

Regarding Nicaragua's assertion that the CIA has a \$19 million fund to try to topple the regime, Inman said, "I would suggest to you that \$19 million and \$29 million isn't going to buy you much of any kind of and certainly not of that kind of military force."

## Campaign against KGB

## Soviet worker's trial begins

MOSCOW, March 10 (R) — The trial of Viktor Tomachinsky, the first man to bring a civil action for damages against the KGB security police, began in confusion Wednesday after being switched unexpectedly to a basement room in a block of flats. Tomachinsky, a 36-year-old mechanic, faces a charge of parasitism — not working — which carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison and exile from Moscow.

He was arrested last December, hours after he appeared in a Moscow city court claiming 13,400 rubles (\$20,000) from the KGB. On Wednesday about 20 of Tomachinsky's

friends and relatives were led from a district courtroom and across a snow-covered yard to a nearby residential block.

Then they were ushered down a dimly-lit staircase to the door of the basement room. Two officials guarding the door told them the room was full and only Tomachinsky's wife, Lena, could be allowed in to give evidence on his behalf at the trial, which is expected to last one day.

Mrs. Tomachinsky said before the proceedings began: "The charge is just a technicality. Viktor has been campaigning against the KGB for years now and they have had enough. This is their way of getting back at him."

In his legal action against the security police, Tomachinsky said the KGB had not kept a promise it had made early last year to grant him and his family a visa to emigrate. His claim was based on money he calculated he would have earned had he been allowed to take a job as a mechanic in the United States.

After 15 minutes of consultations, the three Moscow judges ruled that they did not have authority to pass judgment in the case. Tomachinsky dropped the charges but said would think of other ways of campaigning for his visa.

Tomachinsky, who describes himself as a "brave and merry man," has no previous convictions. But he says he was imprisoned for 18 days in 1978 for displaying a banner in the Soviet Supreme Court building demanding the release of a dissident.

He was dismissed from his job in a Moscow factory in 1979 after allegations of absenteeism and reinstated after an appeal. But a year later he was dismissed again.

## Police break up Argentine protest

BUENOS AIRES, March 10 (R) — Police Tuesday broke up the biggest anti-government demonstration in Argentina since President Leopoldo Galtieri came to power in a coup last December.

About 200 civil servants were demonstrating against a government freeze of public sector wages despite an inflation rate of more than 140 percent. The demonstrators were confronted by riot police armed with rifles and tear gas grenades who broke up the march and made several arrests, as scuffles broke out. A number of bystanders cheered the demonstrators and witnesses said that one of them was arrested. Last Friday police broke up two groups of people distributing leaflets in central Buenos Aires, demanding trade union freedom and an improvement in human rights.

## British royal family gets 'modest' hike in allowance

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II and 10 members of her family have received what Buckingham Palace called a "very modest" raise of 8.1 percent in the taxpayers' handout known as the civil list, which covers their expenses.

The hike brought the royal allocation to 4.3 million pounds (\$7.78 million) a year. By tradition, it was announced by the government on the same day as the nation's tax-and-spending budget. The increase compares with 12.07 percent last year and is below Britain's 12 percent annual inflation rate.

The state allowance enables members of the royal family to maintain their palaces and perform public duties. It was first paid by parliament to King George III in 1760 in return for the surrender of crown lands. It is not a salary.

A spokesman at the Buckingham Palace office of the queen's press secretary Michael Sheehy Tuesday called the increases "very modest" and said 70 percent of the overall hike of 443,983 pounds (\$803,609) will go to meet increased wages of royal staff.

He added: "We are very pleased with the considerable savings that have been made at Buckingham Palace." He said 20 jobs were cut last year, leaving a staff of 320, and costs reduced where possible. He said the queen had reduced her stationery bill by

over 50,000 pounds (\$90,500).

The civil list payments are in addition to the private incomes of members of the royal family.

The queen, whose personal fortune is secret but reputedly worth several tens of millions of dollars, will now get 3.54 million pounds (\$6.41 million) a year under the civil list.

She also receives a separate government handout of 2.1 million pounds (\$3.8 million) to run Buckingham Palace and 2.9 million pounds (\$5.25 million) for Windsor Castle. These were unaffected by Tuesday's announcement.

New civil list rates for other leading royals were:

171,100 pounds (\$309,691) for the queen's 60-year-old husband Prince Philip.

306,000 pounds (\$553,860) for Elizabeth the queen mother, who is 81.

106,500 pounds (\$192,765) for Princess Anne, the queen's 31-year-old only daughter.

104,500 pounds (\$189,145) for Princess Margaret, the queen's 51-year-old divorced sister.

Heir to the throne Prince Charles gets no allocation as his income comes from his own lucrative duchy of Cornwall estate, reaping more than 400,000 pounds (\$728,000) a year.

## Over 70 Soviets jailed

## Swiss MPs appeal to Brezhnev

BERN, Switzerland, March 10 (AP) — A total of 156 members of the Swiss parliament have signed a letter to President Leonid Brezhnev calling for the release of imprisoned human rights activist Anatoly Sacharovsky.

Martin Rauber, spokesman of the International Helsinki Association, said signers of the letter include Hedi Lang, Social Democratic president of the National Council (lower house) and Jost Dillier, Christian Democratic president of the Council of States (upper house). They asked that Sacharovsky be allowed to emigrate to Israel.

Sacharovsky's wife visited Switzerland recently to line up official support for her efforts to secure freedom for her husband.

Rauber said his association will see to it that the letter "really reaches the Kremlin." Rauber said the majority of parliamentarians of all democratic parties signed the letter, including 40 Christian Democrats, 44 Radical Democrats, 36 Social Democrats, 23 members of the Swiss People's Party, eight members of the opposition Alliance of Independents, and five others.

Meanwhile, a Soviet newspaper reported Wednesday that more than 70 Soviet officials were sentenced to long prison terms for

accepting bribes and misusing construction material and capital funds.

The weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta* (literary gazette) said that the lengthy investigation of the bribery scandal started in 1980 but gave no date for the trials. Prison terms for the officials ranged from seven to 14 years, it said.

The article named only a few of the officials involved, among them the deputy chief of the timber department of the state supply committee, Lev S. Golikov.

Also implicated were officials from the central trade organization, the Consumer Cooperative of the Central Asian Republic of Uzbekistan, state companies and organizations connected with the ministries of chemical industry, car transportation and ferrous metals, the article said.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs started the investigation after receiving an anonymous letter charging Uzbek officials with speculation.

The magazine said a group of Uzbek officials began to bribe officials in Moscow and elsewhere in 1975 in order to get scarce construction material, mainly timber, and then resold it at high prices.

## U.N. expects 3.4b Asians by end of century

BANGKOK, March 10 (AP) — Asia's population is expected to reach 3.4 billion by the year 2000, up from the current 2.5 billion, a report by the United Nations says.

Although some Asian nations have made progress in checking population growth, the 1981 economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific notes that Asia will have to face the burden of more people in the next two decades.

The report said the lowest growth rates were found in Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea and Singapore, while the Muslim nations of South Asia — of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan — had the highest birth rates.

The average annual population growth in Asia between 1975 and 1980 was 1.79 percent compared with 0.94 percent in North America and 0.40 percent in Western Europe. Average growth rates during this period were 1.3 percent in China, 2 percent in India, 2.2 percent in Indonesia, 2.8 percent in Bangladesh and 3 percent in Pakistan.

The report said that based on current trends, Asia's population would rise to 2.9 billion in 1990 and 3.4 billion by the end of the century.

## Rig sinking linked to broken porthole

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — A broken porthole in the ballast control room of the world's largest oil drilling rig may have been what sent it and 84 men to the bottom of the ocean, says the head of the firm that owns it.

"God knows what happened that night. There must have been a panic situation," Hugh J. Kelly, president of the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Co. of New Orleans, said Tuesday.

None of the 84 men aboard the Ocean Ranger — 15 Americans, 68 Canadians and one citizen of Great Britain — survived. Only 22 bodies have been found.

The drilling rig sank Feb. 15 off Newfoundland in a severe snowstorm.

"We're abandoning the rig and heading for the lifeboats," said the drilling platform's last message. No conclusions have been reached on what caused the accident.

Only hours before the rig capsized, a man in the control room apparently said, "we have water and glass down here." Kelly told the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. "It appears that a porthole in the ballast control room of the Ocean Ranger had been knocked out... and that water entered the control room," Kelly said. However, it was later reported secured.

Surveys taken of the rig just last week show that one porthole in the ballast room has no glass. The structure of the rig, now upside down on the floor of the north Atlantic, is intact.

## German parties OK arms policy

BONN, March 10 (AP) — Parliamentary deputies in Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's coalition government have approved suggestions paving the way for increased West German arms exports.

Spokesmen for both parliamentary parties, the Social Democrats and the Free Democrats, said the suggestions were approved by large majorities despite more than a year of controversy over revising a 1970 cabinet ruling forbidding arms exports to "areas of tension."

The controversy arose after a *Der Spiegel* magazine report in January 1981. The government then suggested party review of the 1970 cabinet ruling on arms export policy.

The suggestions approved Tuesday stress that arms sales must remain "restrictive" and seek to include parliamentary deputies in future arms exports decision by obliging the government to inform leaders of all parliamentary parties, including the Christian Democrat opposition, of its plan and having parliamentary leaders of government parties sit in at government security council meetings.

The top-secret security council, consisting of the chancellor and top ministers, rules on arms exports. It is scheduled to meet toward the end of March to give a final decision on overturning the 1971 cabinet ruling and revising arms export policy. Political sources said it was likely the council would accept the suggestions approved Tuesday.

## BRIEFS

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — More than 20 persons were feared killed Wednesday in a landslide in a village near Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state, the press Trust of India reported. The report said four houses were destroyed. There were no further details.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — The U.S. Embassy here has denied reports in the Indian press that the U.S. government was seeking or had sought military bases in Pakistan, it was reported Wednesday. In a press statement issued Tuesday, the embassy said: "At no time in the discussions between the United States and Pakistan leading up to the agreement in September 1981 concerning a multiyear assistance plan for Pakistan did the U.S. request military bases in Pakistan. Rather, the United States made clear that it respected Pakistan's commitment to the nonaligned movement and the Organization of the Islamic Conference."

VERONA, Italy, (AP) — U.S. Brig. General James L. Dozier, returned to work at the NATO base in Verona Wednesday and said it was the moment he and his wife had hoped and prayed for since he was kidnapped by Red Brigades terrorists last December. But he hinted he would remain in Italy only a few more months.

## 'Execute 1 to warn 100', demands Chinese paper

PEKING, March 10 (AP) — China's leading newspaper declared Wednesday that "shocking" corruption, smuggling and other economic crimes have reached the point where the nation must "execute one to warn a hundred."

A front-page editorial in the *People's Daily* called on all Chinese to view the fight against economic crime as "a serious struggle between bourgeois corruption and Socialist anti-corruption in the political and economic realms," with the nation's decline or prosperity at stake.

The editorial followed action by the National People's Congress Standing Committee on Monday to impose harsher penalties, including death, for serious cases of corruption.

The revisions go into effect April 1, but the *People's Daily* said economic criminals have

until May 1 to go voluntarily to police and confess if they want to avoid the sterner penalties. "This is their only way out," it said.

The Communist Party newspaper said, "the party and the people's government always have advocated executing as few people as possible, or not executing people... But shocking economic crimes have reached the point where they must be severely punished. Toward those few guilty of the most heinous crimes, we must order the death penalty and execute one to warn a hundred."

China is in the midst of a crackdown on corruption, which leaders say give the party a bad name and hinders the nation's economic modernization. So far, the biggest cases reported have involved city — or county — officials, but officials have said some higher-level leaders may be exposed.

## Times men approve job cuts

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — Union officials representing clerical workers at *The Times* of London have ratified an agreement for 200 job cuts, a spokesman for the 197-year-old flagship of the Fleet Street press said Wednesday.

The approval, voted Tuesday night, appeared to be a significant breakthrough in efforts to save the paper and its weekly *Sunday Times*. It followed publisher Rupert Murdoch's latest threat to close the journals if no agreement is reached on his demand for a total of 600 job cuts.

The Australian publishing tycoon, whose empire also includes the mass-circulation *Sun* and *News of the World*, said Tuesday that a settlement had to be found by Monday if closure was to be averted. "I am not confident or certain that the newspapers can be saved," he told reporters at Heathrow Airport after returning to London from New York. "But I am hopeful."

Murdoch bought the *Times* newspapers from the Toronto-based Thomson Organization in February 1981. Since then, they have been losing money at an annual rate of 15

million pounds (\$27.3 million) Murdoch contends overmanning is a key problem.

*The Times* reported in its Wednesday editions that officials of clerical locals of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel had "overwhelmingly" approved an agreement reached with management last Friday on a cut of 200 clerical jobs.

*The Financial Times* quoted chief union negotiator Barry Fitzpatrick as commenting: "I cannot say I am overjoyed by the outcome, because we will be losing jobs. But we think we have averted the closure of the papers." The breakthrough followed Murdoch's agreement to suspend dismissal notices sent to 210 clerical workers last week.

A spokesman for *Times* Newspaper Holdings Ltd. said, however, that "important negotiations remain to be completed with the *Times* machine room and *Sunday Times* warehouse. These are being pursued urgently. The only other matters still to be settled are the future of two ancillary sections of the composing room, which will be affected by the introduction of cold type."

## Dozier costs Red Brigades \$15,000

ROME, March 10 (AFP) — "Operation Chicken", the Red Brigades' code for the kidnapping of U.S. Gen. James Dozier, cost the terrorist network 18 million lire (some \$15,000), "repented" guerrilla leader Antonio Savasta has told police.

Savasta, arrested when Italian police freed the general in January, has made a 30-page confession, presumably in the hope of winning leniency at his trial, which opened last week but was immediately adjourned. The self-confessed terrorist described himself in the document as "one of the political and military organizers" of the Dozier kidnapping.

The confession is a major part of the prosecution case, and large excerpts have been published in the Italian press. Savasta gave a detailed breakdown of the cost of the kidnapping, for instance seven million lire

6,500 for "cars, motorbikes and petrol", 1.2 million (\$1,000) for "travel" and 100,000 lire (some \$90) for "laundry for the chicken".

The terrorist said that the kidnapping, on Dec. 17, had been planned two months in advance.

Savasta said that despite heavy police operations in the entire region, he was able to come and go at will from the apartment where the general was kept in Padua — 50 kms from Verona where he was kidnapped. He added that several policemen actually lived in the building or nearby.

Savasta also backed up charges against four Italian trade union militants arrested on charges of "politico-military espionage". He said that the four had contacted the Red Brigades saying that "Eastern European countries" were interested in the kidnapping, and to offer money and arms.

## Patasse given French asylum

PARIS, March 10 (R) — France has granted political asylum to Central African Republic opposition leader Ange Patasse who took refuge in the French Embassy in Bangui last week after an abortive coup attempt, presidential spokesman Pierre Bérégovery said Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after the weekly cabinet meeting, Bérégovery said France remained on friendly terms with the Central African Republic and President Francois Mitterrand was particularly close to its president, Gen. Andre Kolingba. No further details were available, he added.

President Kolingba's government has accused Patasse of plotting the coup attempt on March 3 and demanded he should not be given refuge. Patasse, who served as prime minister under deposed Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa, fled to the embassy Saturday.

President Mitterrand's African affairs adviser Guy Penne Tuesday flew to Bangui for talks with Kolingba on the situation. French television, quoting Bangui radio, Tuesday night reported the Central African government had issued an ultimatum to France to release Patasse within the next 48 hours.

But the French Relations Ministry Wednesday denied that such an ultimatum had been issued and said talks between Penne and Kolingba had taken place in a "friendly atmosphere". A spokesman said: "We have no knowledge of a declaration by the Central African Republic about an ultimatum."

Penne had outlined the two main lines of French policy on such matters, namely "that France is traditionally a country which welcomes and gives refuge to those who feel menaced for political reasons and the desire of France to abstain from interfering in the internal affairs of foreign and notably African states."

Patasse arrived in Bangui only 10 days ago from Paris where he went after coming second in presidential elections in March 1981. The victor in the election, David Dacko, was ousted by Kolingba last September.

## Reagan to visit Berlin

BONN, March 10 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan will visit West Berlin early in June, as part of his West European tour, officials said here Wednesday. The date has not been fixed. Reagan will be coming to Bonn for the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) summit meeting, set for June 10.

Three other U.S. presidents have visited West Berlin: The late John F. Kennedy (1963), Richard Nixon (1969), and Jimmy Carter (1978). When U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig visited West Germany last September, there were clashes between police and demonstrators protesting U.S. rearmament.

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## As U.K. scraps extra tax

## Norway slashes price of oil by \$4 a barrel

STAVANLER, Norway, March 10 (R) — Norway's state-owned oil company, Statoil, cut prices by an average of about \$4 a barrel for its North Sea crude oil, falling in line with declining world oil prices.

A Statoil spokesman said the new prices, backdated to March 4, would range from between \$31.10 to \$31.50 for each of the 550,000 barrels Norway produces each day.

The new prices apply to crude oil from the Ekofisk, Brent and Statfjord oil sections in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea.

The Norwegian move follows a decision announced on March 3 by the state-owned British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), cutting prices by \$4 to \$31 a barrel.

Norway's Finance Minister Rolf Presthus said last week that estimates of Norway's oil revenues for the next four years have been almost halved because of falling world oil prices.

He said 10 months ago oil revenues were estimated at 170 billion crowns (\$28 billion). But the drop in prices, down \$9 a barrel since last summer, had now reduced the amount to about 90 billion crowns (\$15 billion) which meant Norway would have to borrow from abroad.

In an unrelated development, the British government bowed to pressure from oil com-

panies Tuesday and scrapped a 20 percent supplementary tax on petroleum from the North Sea.

But the government went some way toward offsetting the loss by raising its tax on oil company profits from the North Sea fields from 70 to 75 percent.

The revised tax structure, to take effect next year, was announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, presenting his 1982-83 budget to parliament. He said the changes would not affect estimated petroleum tax revenue of six billion sterling (\$10.9 billion) this year but would cost the government 70 million sterling (\$127 million) in the 1983-84 fiscal year.

The supplementary tax was introduced by the Conservative government in 1981 and levied on the value of oil produced over the first 500,000 tons per field every six months.

Oil companies complained that 90 percent of their North Sea profits were going in tax. British Petroleum, which operates the biggest field in the British sector of the North Sea, estimated its tax bill for 1981 at close to two billion sterling (\$3.6 billion).

Besides the revenue and supplementary tax, oil companies also pay 12.5 percent royalties on all production and 52 percent corporation tax on remaining taxable profits.

## Lebanon okays 'crisis budget'

BEIRUT, March 10 (AP) — Lebanon's parliament has approved what Finance Minister Aly Khalil described as a "crisis budget" for 1982 with an estimated deficit of 1.6 billion Lebanese pounds (\$44 million).

The total budget was put at 7.5 billion Lebanese pounds, the equivalent of \$1.6 billion according to current exchange rates which have been fluctuating in the past years.

There was no breakdown of allocations for the various sectors but official government sources said the final figures would appear

after parliament upgraded the allocations for the ministries of defense, education and health.

Khalil, in an interview with Lebanese television Tuesday after the parliament meeting, said the deficit was due to a drop in expected revenues because of worsening security conditions in the area. He said revenues were expected to cover only 55 percent of total expenditure.

Official sources, who declined to be named in accordance with government rules, said the reason for the record deficit, a 1.2 billion Lebanese pound increase over last year's deficit, was due to the fact that Arab aid funds earmarked for Lebanon by a 1979 Arab summit had not been paid in full. They said Lebanese officials would soon make a tour of Arab countries to request payment of the outstanding aid.

Another factor contributing to the deficit is a drop in customs duties. The country's principal sources of revenue have suffered as a result of continued violence after the 1975-76 civil war and by the disruption of activity at Lebanon's ports and international airport, Beirut port, the state's main source of revenue, was last year losing more than one million Lebanese pounds (\$480,000) per day in tax revenues.

## Bonn halts credit backing for Bucharest

BONN, March 10 (AFP) — The West German government has ceased providing credit guarantee for export deals with Romania, the Economy Ministry said Wednesday.

The financial risks were too high, at the moment, but policy would be reviewed in the event of an agreement between Romania and Western banks on rescheduling Romania's debt, the ministry said.

Romania is estimated to owe \$11,500 million to 300 or so Western banks, and a series of talks with Romania is in progress with Deutsche Bank playing a leading part.

Romania is believed to have asked for rescheduling for up to six and a half years for 80 percent of the principal falling due in 1981 and 1982.

The reported Romanian debt of \$11,500 million compares with \$27,000 million owed by Poland. The Bonn government's withdrawal of collateral is expected to reduce exports to Romania, which fell seven percent last year to 1,500 million marks (about \$600 million).

## GM, Toyota plan tie-up in U.S.

TOKYO, March 10 (R) — General Motors and Toyota, the world's biggest car makers, will start detailed talks soon on joint production of small cars in the United States, a spokesman for the Japanese firm said Wednesday.

"Nothing in detail has been agreed so far," the spokesman said. He denied a report in the Japanese financial daily *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* that the two firms had chosen a newly-developed 1,600 cc engine front wheel drive car for joint production, starting at an initial rate of about 500,000 units a year.

The financial daily also quoted informed sources as saying General Motors preferred a plant in the U.S. west coast area, while Toyota wanted a factory on the eastern coast. The first meeting between leaders of the two companies was held in New York last week.

## Airlines talks set

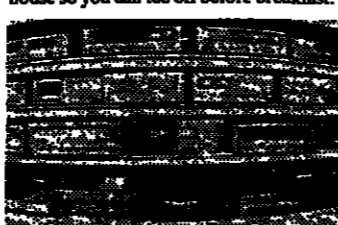
ABIDJAN, March 10 (R) — Heads of 21 major airlines will meet here this week to review the industry's financial problems officials said Wednesday.

The said the executive committee of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) will gather Thursday and Friday to discuss a three-year strategic plan to reorganize IATA's activities, cut operating costs and improve efficiency. IATA will also discuss the North Atlantic fares structure, the officials said.

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## Russia faces EEC sanctions

BRUSSELS, March 10 (AFP) — Denmark has removed its objections to European Economic Community (EEC) proposals to restrict imports of Soviet manufactured and luxury goods, the Danish government announced here.

EEC sources said Tuesday the way has now been cleared to impose the proposals, and that a list of goods to be restricted had been finalized.

Copenhagen had earlier opposed the plan because of its political motivations, but Foreign Minister Jeld Olsen said Denmark had finally agreed in order to preserve EEC unity.

Community's sources said earlier that Britain and West Germany had also been reluctant to restrict imports of Soviet furs, cars and diamonds.

The EEC proposals include a 50 percent cut in the import of Soviet manufactured and luxury goods which last year totaled only eight percent of the community's purchases from the Soviet Union.

Permanent representatives of EEC countries here will meet on Thursday to decide

whether the import restrictions will be adopted by written consent, or whether to wait for the next meeting of EEC foreign ministers later this month.

The decision will not be unanimous, since EEC is continuing to oppose the imposition of EEC sanctions against the Soviet Union.

In Athens, meanwhile, a government spokesman said Tuesday, Greece will submit proposals to EEC on March 16 for special status within the Common Market.

He was briefing reporters after a meeting between Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and the vice-president of the EEC commission, Lorenzo Natali.

Papandreu earlier said he was going to discuss with Natali the problem Greece was facing. He said its per capita income was much lower than the average in the other EEC countries.

Greece became a full member of the EEC in January 1981. The Socialist government which came to power last October is seeking special status to take into account Greece's economic problems.

## Zayed opens \$4b petrochemical complex

ABU DHABI, March 10 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) president, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan officially inaugurated Wednesday a multi-billion dollar petrochemical industrial complex in Ruweis, some 250 kms north-west of Abu Dhabi.

The \$4 billion project is considered to be one of the most modern complexes of its kind in the Middle East, and perhaps the world as a whole.

It houses a \$550 million refinery with a production capacity of 120,000 barrels per day, a 2.1 billion gas liquefaction plant with a production capacity of 4.766 million tons per year, a \$1 billion housing complex and a \$200 million fertilizers plant, still under construction.

The president arrived at Jebel Dhanna Airport, some 20 kms north of Ruweis, Wednesday morning and was received by supreme council members. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qassimi, ruler of Sharjah, Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, ruler of Ajman, Sheikh Rashid bin Ahmad Al Mulla, ruler of Umm Al Qaiwain and other Sheikhs, senior government officials.

Senior officials, members of Arab and foreign diplomatic corps in the UAE and hundreds of officials from companies operating the petroleum installations in this industrial city were waiting to greet Sheikh Zayed who arrived in a motorcade from Jebel Dhanna. After listening to verses from the Holy Quran the president unveiled the plaque marking the official inauguration of the country's most important showpiece.

Work on the complex started in mid-1978 within the context of an ambitious ten-year plan laid down by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, ADNOC, to enter the field of petroleum and industry and introduce a new source of income to the national economy of this Arab Gulf country.

The Ruweis refinery started operation at full capacity in June last year, followed by the

prestigious gas plant in August. The fertilizers plant is expected to be completed in mid 1983.

Muhammad Al Habroush, director of the Abu Dhabi Finance Department, delivered a speech on the occasion on behalf of Sheikh Tahoun bin Muhammad, representative of the ruler of Abu Dhabi in the Emirate's eastern region and chairman of ADNOC, who talked about the role to be played by petrochemical schemes in the economic development of the UAE.

Sheikh Tahoun presented a miniature of the Ruweis industrial city to Sheikh Zayed, and a map of the Gulf area dating back to the sixteenth century.

Later, the president, accompanied by supreme council members and rulers of the seven Emirates, forming the UAE federation, or their representatives, made an inspection tour to the petroleum installations in the area.

## Robots may hike jobless ranks

TOKYO, March 10, (R) — Japan will have to be careful in future about the introduction of industrial robots to ensure they do not generate unemployment, a leading Japanese robot engineering scientist said Wednesday.

Professor Toshio Sata said: "If we are not careful about the future introduction of robots or we don't control the rate of development we will face difficulties in the field of unemployment." Japan has nearly 50,000 robots in use.

He told journalists the introduction of robots into Japanese industry had progressed well until now, but the social consequences of more robots were not clear. The Ministry of Trade and Industry last month started a study into the effects of using more robots in industry.

## Coffee prices jump to new high

LONDON, March 10 (R) — Coffee prices rose to their highest in 21 months on the London futures market as dealers scrambled to buy stocks for delivery this month.

The price reached 1.502 sterling a ton (\$127 a pound), above Monday's closing price and 465 sterling (\$837) higher than prices last September.

Industry sources said prices rose because of a shortage of coffee for delivery this month, and were further boosted as speculators turned away from other commodity markets, which dropped sharply Monday as a result of disillusion with gold.

If coffee prices exceed \$1.40 a pound and stay above that level for 15 days, producers will be allowed under the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) to release one million bags (60,000 tons) on to the market to steady prices. Last month 672,000 bags were released under the agreement.

## According to ADNOC officials, the company is planning to further develop the area and complete or expand existing industrial installations as well as introduce new industrial projects, to increase the production of petroleum products and contribute in the government's declared policy on diversifying the national sources of income.

With its production running at present at 1.4 million barrels per day, the UAE is dependent on oil as the main source of income for its population of little over a million.

In his speech Wednesday, Sheikh Tahoun said ADNOC's board of directors has recently approved a plan to introduce a hydrocracking unit to the refinery to deal with some 27,000 barrels of heavy crudes per day.

ADNOC's chairman also talked about the various projects in the industrial area. He said the \$550 million refinery which is presently producing about 120,000 barrels of refined products per day is meeting with the increasing needs of the country, with the need being exported abroad.

The refinery was initially designed to refine crudes from the two main offshore fields of Zakum and Umm Al-Shaif, whose current production stands at over 450,000 barrels per day.

## Caledonian authorized to operate Laker route

LONDON, March 10 (AFP) — The Department of Trade has authorized British Caledonian to operate a direct service between London and Los Angeles from next May. The defunct Laker Airways used to fly planes on this route.

British Caledonian had asked for a license to fly the route for six months, but the application was turned down last week by the Civil Aviation Authority here.

Tuesday Trade Secretary John Biffes overruled the decision, allowing British Caledonian to fly six planes a week on a temporary basis until a new licence holder is named to replace Laker Airways.

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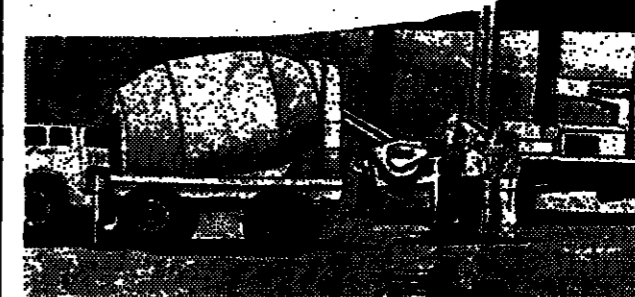
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## Opposes increasing tax

## Reagan sees prime rates falling

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, pleading for support of his record deficit, defense-oriented budget, disavowed on Tuesday any blame for "the displeasures" of recession in the United States, but privately told Republican Party senators that interest rates will drop markedly within months.

Reagan said he was informed by Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul Volcker that "the prime rate will drop by three or four points by summer," according to a source who asked not to be named.

Volcker, who as chief of the United States central bank wields great power over policies affecting interest rates, could not be reached immediately for comment.

According to the source, Reagan did not elaborate on the basis of the prediction, except to say the information came from a face-to-face encounter with the Federal Reserve chairman.

## Kuwait urges bigger oil cut

DOHA, March 10 (R) — Kuwait favors a bigger cut in OPEC oil production than the 1.5 million barrels a day (BPD) set by key OPEC ministers at the weekend in a bid to keep prices from falling, oil minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah has said.

The ministers agreed to set a new production ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day, hoping to eliminate a surplus of oil on the world market that has forced prices down. Sheikh Ali, on a visit here to attend an Arab energy symposium, said that "any further cuts in production are welcome." Asked what size reduction he had in mind, he said: "Whatever the market can bear."

Reagan's assurances, in a private session with committee chairmen, represented the most optimistic remark heard from the administration — or Volcker — in months concerning interest rates.

The prime fell by half a percentage point Monday, to 16 percent. It is the rate which banks charge their best customers, and changes generally foreshadow similar fluctuations in other interest rates, including those for consumer loans.

In public remarks at a Capital Hill luncheon of the 53 Republican senators, Reagan made no concessions to counter their concerns over his refusal to increase taxes or cut the Pentagon budget to reduce an anticipated 1983 budget deficit approaching \$100 billion.

But Senate Republican leader Howard Baker Jr. said later he detected a willingness on Reagan's part to compromise and told reporters: "I think nothing is off-limits."

## Global grain outlook improves

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — Timely rains have improved harvest prospects in much of the world's winter grain areas the past week, the U.S. government's joint Agricultural Weather Facility said Tuesday.

The facility, which is operated by the Commerce and Agriculture Departments, said "significant precipitation was recorded in both hemispheres" during week of Feb. 28 through March 6.

"In South Africa, however, corn crop prospects are well below normal due to lack of rain, and subsoil moisture is deficient in some northern parts of China's winter grain areas," the report said.

Wet field conditions again delayed spring field work in the south-eastern United States

Reagan had sharp words for the Democratic opposition, which he said was seeking a return to past policies of "planned deficits and deliberate inflation." Reagan's own budget plan calls for big deficits over the next three years.

"I believe we can hold down taxes. We can hold down spending and ensure a national defense that is able to preserve the peace," Reagan said during opening remarks in an ornate, wood-paneled meeting room off the Senate floor. Then, after reporters were ushered out, Reagan met in private with the senators.

Congressional Republicans have repeatedly expressed concern that the \$757.6 billion U.S. budget, which includes an 18 percent defense increase, will keep interest rates high and abort an economic recovery.

They are considering alternatives that include much higher taxes, lowered defense spending and cutbacks in benefit programs.

and in parts of the mid-western corn belt, it said. In Texas, showers "promoted growth of grasses and small grains, and improved pasture conditions" in many areas.

"Winter wheat was in good to excellent condition in Kansas and in fair to good condition in other major producing states," the report said. "The crop was greening as far as north Kansas and parts of the corn belt."

Looking at some other areas of the world, the report included these observations: "In Soviet Union, generally dry weather returned to the major winter grain areas of the Ukraine and north Caucasus. Above-normal temperatures prevailed with Dnieper Highs above freezing in many locations. Most of Ukraine is vulnerable to potential winterkill due to lack of significant snow cover."

In Europe, dry weather continued generally across the Iberian peninsula where Spanish winter grains are in the vegetative stage and would benefit from more moisture.

In eastern Asia, "above-normal precipitation continued over some northern parts of China's winter grain areas. Subsoil moisture is still deficient, however. Very light rain in southern winter grain areas was adequate for the crop's minimal water needs. Conditions in the south should be favorable as rice planting begins."

In south Asia areas of northern India and Pakistan, wet weather continued in winter grain areas, and temperatures "fell to much below-normal ranges" during the week.

"Rain and strong winds reportedly flattened winter grains, now nearing maturity, but no local damage estimates are available. Rainfall in Bangladesh and eastern India improved prospects for spring-harvested crops."

## U.S. seen reconciled to gas deal

BONN, March 10 (AFP) — The United States will give up criticizing the acquisition of Siberian gas by Western Europe from now on, foreign ministry officials believed here after a visit to Washington by Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher.

Genscher said Tuesday that the deal now seemed to be accepted as a fact, although the U.S. and West Europe differed in their views on the contract.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said the United States still dislikes the idea of Western Europe being more dependent on the USSR in the realm of energy.

Under current plans the Soviet Union will supply 40,000 million cubic meters of gas in the 1990's to seven European countries, including West Germany, Italy and France. Western firms will help toward the provision of a 5,500 km (3,500 mile) gas pipeline.

Government officials here are, meanwhile,

## Strike keeps London buses off the road

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — A 24-hour strike by London Transport staff protesting plans to double fares shut down the capital's entire bus and subway networks Wednesday for the first time since the British general strike of 1926.

As commuters took to cars and cabs or simply walked to work, a spokesman for Scotland Yard reported: "Londoners are coping quite well. Traffic is heavy but nothing horrendous."

Commuter rail services were unaffected by the strike. "Traffic is only up by about 10 to 15 percent and any problem areas are confined to a few spots in central London," said a spokesman for the Automobile Association. He said the absence of London's famous red, double-decker buses from the streets was actually helping the traffic flow.

A spokesman for the Royal Automobile Club added: "Many people seem to have gone in for car-sharing. We've heard of drivers dropping people off at offices all over London. Many people have walked in. Others, we think, have stayed at home. All in all, traffic has been heavy, but not as bad as it might have been."

On March 21 London bus and subway fares will go up an average of 100 percent because of a Dec. 17 ruling by five law lords in the House of Lords — England's highest appeal court — striking down a "fares fair" cheap transport policy introduced by the Socialist-controlled Greater London Council.

## Iran to swap oil for Turkish items

BEIRUT, March 10 (AP) — Iran and Turkey signed a \$1.8-billion, barter agreement Wednesday, at the end of a five-day trip to Iran by Turkish officials, Tehran radio reported.

The radio said the Turkish delegation led by Turkish Deputy Prime Minister in charge of economic affairs Turgut Ozal left Tehran Wednesday, soon after signing the agreement.

Iran will trade 60,000 to 100,000 barrels of oil per day in exchange for wheat, meat, iron, dairy products and chicken over the next 12 months.

Speaking to a Tehran radio reporter, Minister of State in charge of executive affairs Behzad Nahavi said the agreement is "unprecedented in terms of volume" in the history of the two nations.

Technical committees in both Iran and Turkey will also study the possibilities of installing pipelines in Turkey to transport Iranian oil and natural gas to Europe. The Turkish delegation included 17 officials and 150 Turkish businessmen.

preparing for next Monday's visit to Bonn by Assistant Secretary of State James Buckley, who will sound out the West Europeans on their future policy regarding financial aid to the Eastern bloc.

Ministry sources here said Genscher reminded U.S. colleagues that West Germany had never granted soft loans as part of its East European trading. Consequently, West Germany was not against the U.S. idea of a reduction in this type of credit.

They recalled, however, that West Germany granted an interest-free loan of around \$360 million annually to East Germany. West German officials believe their conciliatory stance on the credit issue would encourage the U.S. to adopt a less harsh tone over the gas deal. They thought there would thus be no serious political difficulties between the two countries over the gas agreement.

## OECD debates economic prospects

PARIS, March 10 (AFP) — The recent jump in United States interest rates and the possible consequences of large American budget deficits are expected to highlight two-day talks in two high-powered monetary bodies which opened here Wednesday.

Senior treasury officials and central bankers of a dozen leading financial powers began a meeting in the secrecy-shrouded working party number three of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to discuss the world economic outlook.

Reliable sources said European and Japanese delegates were expected to seek clarification of current American policy from the U.S. delegation led by treasury under Secretary for Monetary Affairs Beryl Sprinkel.

The Europeans are worried that the high interest rates and the need to finance a budget deficit in the \$40,000 to \$100,000

million range this year could squeeze the U.S. capital market and delay or weaken the recovery from the current recession in the U.S., which the Reagan administration says will start in the spring.

They fear this could in turn delay recovery in Europe, now faced with massive unemployment. U.S. officials have recently maintained that many of the problems faced by the Europeans are of their own making.

On Thursday, the officials will "change hats" and meet at the European office of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as deputies of the finance ministers of the "group of ten", the industrial nations' caucus in the IMF and the World Bank.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrami Dinar	9.05	9.08	
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	282.00
Canadian Dollar	145.00	144.75	
Deutsche Mark (100)	132.75	132.35	
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.44	3.45	
Egyptian Pound	93.00	93.20	
Emirates Dirham (100)	56.75	56.60	
French Franc (100)	52.50	56.10	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	36.85	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	27.10	26.90	
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	14.45	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.93	9.86	
Jordanian Dinar	12.07	12.04	
Kuwaiti Dinar	71.65	71.50	
Lebanese Lira (100)	57.75	60.50	
Malaysian Ringgit (100)	—	31.25	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	41.50	
Philippines Peso (100)	6.23	6.20	
Pound Sterling	94.00	94.10	
Qatari Rial (100)	—	161.65	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	33.20	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	183.75	183.50	
Swiss Franc (100)	58.00	63.50	
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

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## Financial Roundup

## Dollar records slight gains

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 10 — Wednesday's European markets saw Eurodollar deposit rates maintain their strength with rates rising between 1/16 to 1/8 percent in most tenors. In New York on Tuesday night, Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates closed at 14 percent levels which was some 1/2 percent higher than Monday night closing.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates remained stable with only short-dated funds reflecting rises of between 1/2 to 3/4 percent taking the week-fixed deposit to 12-13 percent from 10 3/4-11 1/2 percent levels. It was the bullion market however, that gripped most of the attention — with gold prices rising to \$333.334 an ounce from \$324 on Tuesday. Silver prices also rallied to take the Wednesday price to \$7.18 from \$7.01 on Tuesday. It would seem that gold prices might have found a temporary base support level at \$330 an ounce, but the bullion markets are still in a state of turmoil and it is not certain that this price level will "stick" for some time at least.

With stable "Fed funds" rate continuing, Eurodollar deposit rates were firmer Wednesday, with the one-month rate trading at 14 9/16 — 14 11/16 percent and the one-year at 14 3/4 — 14 5/4 percent. Long-term deposits are once again rising at faster rate than short-term rates and the money markets are once again seemingly split into those who believe that dollar rates are on the way up again and those who believe that the evidence on the U.S. economic recession front will sooner, rather than later, bring U.S. interest rates tumbling down.

This week's U.S. money supply figures due to be released Friday, could prove to be an important point in determining whether interest rate will remain at their present

high levels.

In the Wednesday exchanges, the French franc continued to trade erratically, between 6.0510 to 6.0430, after it had lost all the ground gained Monday when the franc reached 5.9860 against the dollar. In other currency news, the British pound was mixed at 1.8101 to 1.8115 levels, after it had reached 1.8030 on Tuesday before the U.K. Budget was presented. The exchanges seemed disappointed with the Budget's content since there seemed nothing new offered, especially in revitalizing British industry. The German mark was more stable at 2.3598 levels but the Japanese yen fell back another 100 points to trade at 237.80 from 236.10 on Tuesday.

In the local exchanges, spot rial dollar rates reached their highest levels yet for the past three weeks, to trade at 3.4210-15 levels and higher as demand for the dollar picked up from domestic institutions and OBU's — offshore banking units in Bahrain.

While the local exchange rates were traded actively, the local money markets reported a more cautious business day with rial deposit rates remaining relatively stable. The one-month HIBOR rate was quoted at 12 1/2 — 12 3/4 percent with no changeover Tuesday levels, while the one-year was quoted at 12 3/4 — 13 1/4 percent which in fact is 1/8 percent lower than the previous day's levels. It was only in the short tenors that rial rates were actively traded taking overnight funds to 13 1/2 — 14 percent at one stage in Jeddah.

Using gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):  
London 332.25  
Paris 335.11  
Frankfurt 334.97  
Zurich 333.50  
Hong Kong 335.41

## U.K. budget spells interest rate drop

LONDON, March 10 (R) — Britain's big banks were widely expected Wednesday to cut interest rates in response to a budget which the Conservative government hopes will revive both the economy and its own re-election prospects.

The banks kept the government waiting for their verdict on the 145-billion sterling (\$208-billion) budget announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe in parliament Tuesday.

A cut in the banks' base lending rate, now down to 13.5 percent from 16 percent last October, would boost industry which has been complaining about the high cost of borrowing. It would also set the scene for a cut in higher mortgage interest rates for home owners.

The chairman of the Building Societies Association, Alan Cumming, said after the budget speech that a cut was certain when the mortgage lenders meet Friday.

The major commercial banks said they were waiting to see both domestic and international reaction to the budget before lowering base rates.

The chancellor described his budget, the fourth since the conservatives came to power in May, 1979, as one that would strengthen the foundations of economic recovery. Conservative politicians hoped that it would also strengthen the foundations for a recovery in the ruling party's political fortunes.

Some commentators described it as a political budget aimed at getting the economy into shape for the next election, which some pundits think Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher may call next year.

But Michael Foot, leader of the labor opposition, denounced it, saying it offered no remedy for economic catastrophe.

The Labor ranks exploded with laughter when the government revealed its 1,500 million pound (\$2,700 million) aid package to fight unemployment. The package includes job training, work offers at unemployment compensation (dole) rates in public prog-

rams, and special training for teenagers leaving school at the age of 16.

The generally pro-Conservative national press said the budget was a step in the right direction toward reviving Britain's anemic economy.

"First stage to lift-off" the *Daily Mail* said in a banner front-page headline. "Just the job" said Rupert Murdoch's mass-circulation *Sun* tabloid.

However, the *Times* of London noted in an editorial "mild disappointment at the low level of expansion injected into the economy...but strong approval of the wide range of measures proposed." "But overall it leaves the economy still short of rejuvenation."

The *Guardian* said in a somber editorial that "the unemployed deserve far better than this" and lamented the government's decision not to relax Mrs. Thatcher's tight-fisted monetarist policies that the opposition Labor Party and trade unions have blamed for much of the country's economic woes.

Industrialists, who sought more government help to get the economy out of the slump, gave Howe's budget a half-hearted welcome. Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said: "We haven't got all we wanted, but these are moves in the right direction."

Industrialists believe the budget will bring a cut in interest rates, easing the squeeze on business after two years of deep recession and tight credit.

## Swissair hits landmark

JEDDAH, March 10 — Swissair recently carried its 100 millionth passenger since its inception 51 years ago, the airline's office here said Wednesday.

The lucky passenger was an American woman who boarded the airline's Boeing 747 flight from New York to Zurich. Within the same period, Swissair transported 2,477,000 tons of cargo and mail.

## BRIEFS

ADDIS ABABA, (AFP) — Ethiopia and Congo have signed a general agreement on cooperation and two memoranda on trade relations and air services in a move aimed at improving the distant relations between the two Marxist states so far. The agreement and protocols were signed at the end of a week-long visit to Ethiopia Tuesday of Congolese Foreign Minister Pierre Nze.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Jacques Mitterrand, president of French Aerospace, said here during a four-day visit that his company was particularly keen to sell Japan helicopters for rescue work at sea and Transall planes for ocean surveillance. Mitterrand, who is the brother of French President Francois Mitterrand, said that in the strictly military sector selling was especially difficult due to Japan's privileged relationship with the United States.

PEKING, (AP) — Hong Kong Financial

## SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

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Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone	Cleaning the Telecommunications Institute Compound in Jeddah	21/401/402	100	17.3.82
.. .. .	Renovation of the Ministry basement in Makkah (Saudi contractors only)	19/1401/1402	—	28.2.82
Labor and Social Ministry	Building a warehouse at Qatif Social Service Center	—	300	27.2.82

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3.	Capella	S.S.M.S.C.	Contrs.Lg. Mlys	9.3.82
4.	Banglar Kakoli	Alatas	SteelGen. Vehicles	9.3.82
5.	Ibn Yunus	Kanoo	Contrs.Gen.H. Lifts	9.3.82
6.	Energetic	Star	Bagged Barley	7.3.82
7.	Lanka Kalyani	Alasabah	Bagged Barley	8.3.82
8.	Philippine Jasmine	Barnadiah	Barley	2.3.82
9.	Anemo	M.T.A.	Containers	9.3.82
10.	Oregon	Shobokshi	Palletised Tiles	9.3.82
11.	Penny S	El Hawi	SugarGen. Mobile	8.3.82
12.	Anagel Diligence	Baghdadi	Bagged Barley	8.3.82
13.	Khaled	Barnadiah	Barley Containers	6.3.82
14.	Strathairn	A.E.T.	Contrs.General	7.3.82
15.	Nikolay Golovanov	A.E.T.	Contrs.Ldg. Mlys	9.3.82
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19.	Puerto Cadiz	O.C.E.	Citrus	9.3.82
20.	Toyota	El Hawi	Tiles/Timber	8.3.82
21.	Annoula	Gulf	Rice/Resin/Gen.Machy	7.3.82
22.	Aractos Glory	Gulf	Barley	3.3.82
23.	Al Hijazi	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	7.3.82
24.	Bao Shan	Shobokshi	General/Tiles	8.3.82
25.	Cer Alsirat	Barber	Tiles/TimberGen.	1.3.82

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1.	Santosa	Gulf	Bulk Cement	6.3.82
2.	Berge Bader-II	Globe	Loading Wheat Bran	8.3.82
3.	El General	Alasabah	General	8.3.82
4.	Timmar Venture	UEP	General	9.3.82
5.	North Holm	Kanoo	General	9.3.82
6.	Sahwarian	Kanoo	Gen.Conts.	7.3.82
7.	Saa Transport	Saite	General/Conts.	6.3.82
8.	Phoebus	Orri	Steel Bars	10.3.82
9.	Phoebus	Orri	Steel Bars	10.3.82
10.	Moadow Bank	Kanoo	General	9.3.82
11.	Al Muharrag	Kanoo	General	8.3.82
12.	Luke Lu	Gosaibi	Gen.Conts.	8.3.82
13.	Moenodaro	SEA	General	7.3.82
14.	Khairpur	SEA	General/Rice	5.3.82
15.	Pilar	Rezayat	Containers	9.3.82
16.	Anagel Might	Sea	Containers	9.3.82
17.	Al Assiri	Sea	Bagged Barley	1.3.82
18.	Golden Venture	Orri	Bulk Iron Ore	6.3.82
19.	Balder Esperanza	Gulf	Timber	9.3.82

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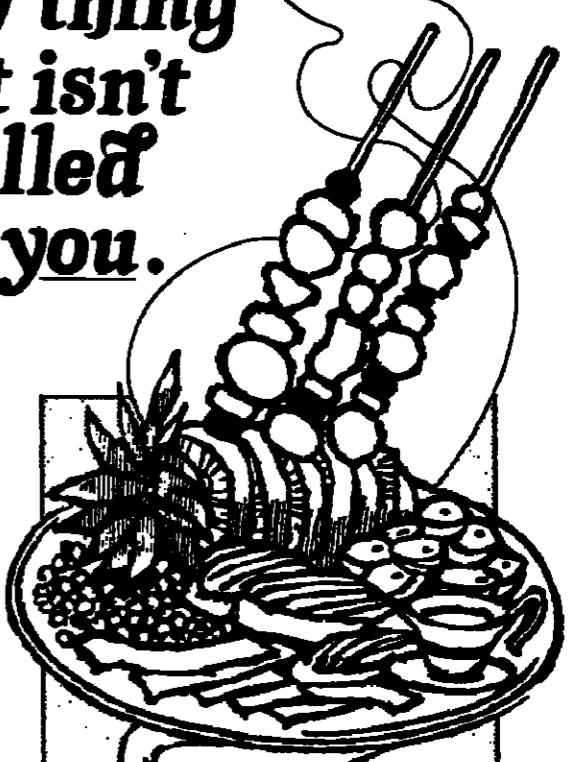
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## As Chambers, Brooks excel

## Clippers confirm superiority over Spurs

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP)—Don't tell the San Antonio Spurs that the San Diego Clippers have the worst team in the National Basketball Association.

San Diego, 16-46, trails the first-place Los Angeles Lakers by 26 games in the Pacific Division, and the Clippers have won only two of their last 17 contests. But both of those victories have come against the Midwest division-leading Spurs, including a 138-127 decision Tuesday night.

Tom Chambers had 34 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Clippers, while Michael Brooks added 33 points for San Diego and George Gervin had 40 for San Antonio. Clippers scored 46 points in the fourth quarter.

The Spurs, who have lost two in a row since beating Milwaukee 171-166 in triple overtime last Saturday, got a season-high 28 points from backup guard Mike Braz, while Mike Mitchell added 20 points. Carlicris and Michael Wiley supported Chambers and Brooks with 23 and 20 points, respectively, for San Diego.

Gervin had 26 points in the first half as the Spurs went ahead 67-64. The Clippers took a

92-88 lead into the final period and outscored San Antonio 46-39 in the fourth quarter.

Los Angeles Lakers 105, Kansas City Kings 99: Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 27 points as Los Angeles ended a three-game losing streak by beating Kansas City, despite the absence of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the final minutes. Abdul-Jabbar was ejected from the game after drawing two quick technical fouls, the second one with 1:56 to go in the third period. But the Kings never got closer than six points after the Lakers broke a 57-57 tie with 13 straight points midway through the third period.

Houston Rockets 103, Milwaukee Bucks 91: Moses Malone scored 28 points and Houston outscored Milwaukee 11-2 in the final three minutes to break open a close game. Allen Leavell scored 25 points and passed for eight assists for the Rockets who cut San Antonio's midwest lead to 3 1/2 games. Elvin Hayes added 15 points and 16 rebounds and Robert Reid 19 points and 11 rebounds, eight in the fourth quarter, for Houston.

Milwaukee, runaway leader in the Central Division, has lost three in a row including the

triple overtime defeat to San Antonio.

Chicago Bulls 109, Seattle Super Sonics 104: Dwight Jones scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter and Ronnie Lester added eight in the same span as Chicago rallied from 15 points behind to beat Seattle. The Sonics grabbed an 80-65 lead with 2:08 remaining in the third quarter, but the Bulls responded with a 10-0 spurt as Arts Gilmore contributed six of his team-high 22 points. Chicago then got its first lead since the opening seconds, 85-84, on a basket by Lester.

Gus Williams, who had 25 points for Seattle, later tied the score 87-87, but Chicago made the next eight points and never relinquished the lead again.

Golden State Warriors 92, Indiana Pacers 85: Bernard King scored 28 points and World Free added 20, while Larry Smith grabbed 20 rebounds for Golden State against Indiana. Johnny Davis, the Pacers' leading scorer with a 16.8 average, was held to seven points, the first time in 44 games he was held to fewer than 10.

Atlanta Hawks 120, Denver Nuggets 106: Dan Roundfield scored 34 points and grabbed 19 rebounds as Atlanta won its third

straight game. Tom McMillen added a season-high 26 points for the Hawks, while Denver got 29 points from Alex English.

Atlanta, which led by 15 points at halftime, 69-54, saw the Nuggets trim the deficit to three, 106-103, with 7:13 left. But Denver had only one field goal the rest of the way.

Phoenix Suns 103, Washington Bullets 95: Len "Truck" Robinson scored 35 points and Phoenix withstood a third-quarter rally to beat Washington. The Bullets trailed by 16 early in the third quarter, but John Lucas and Kevin Grevey led the rally that cut the lead to 78-76 early in the fourth quarter. Then two straight three-point plays by Robinson restored an eight-point bulge. Phoenix's Alvan Adams and Washington's Jeff Ruland were both ejected with 1:04 remaining after exchanging punches.

New York Knicks 120, Utah Jazz 106: Maurice Lucas scored 21 points and added 20 rebounds as New York had five players with 18 or more points against Utah. Michael Ray Richardson led the Knicks with 22 points. Campy Russell had 21. Bill Cartwright 19 and Randy Smith 18. Adrian Dantley led the Jazz with a game-high 28 points and Darrell Griffith scored 23.



LAKERS' PRIDE: Earvin Johnson (left) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the Los Angeles Lakers' prolific scorers, make a happy picture as they pose together. Johnson scored 27 points Tuesday night to lead his team to victory over the Kansas City Kings.

## In opening NIT clash

## Little pressure ousts Titans

TULSA, Oklahoma, March 10 (AP) — Sometimes, Oral Roberts University basketball coach Ken Hayes has discovered, a little is enough — especially if it's the Oklahoma Sooners' scoring machine David Little.

The lanky junior forward bombed ORU with 33 points to lead Oklahoma to a stirring, 81-73 comeback victory over the Titans in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament Tuesday night.

After Little scored 13 points in the Titan-controlled first half, Hayes asked his team to apply more pressure to Little in the second. "He just backed up a little farther," Hayes said. "The guy shoots a set shot from out of range and it goes in." Hayes said the Titans, who scored the first 11 points of the contest and led 17-3 after eight minutes, may have been "too high" for the game.

Meanwhile, Sooners coach Billy Tubbs said: "I'm afraid we were not ready for the game and this was evident in the early going." Oklahoma, now 20-10, lost to Missouri in the finals of the big tournament Saturday night. The Sooners learned of the game Sunday night and had to get ready in a hurry to meet Oral Roberts in the inaugural game of the 1982 NIT. The two schools have not met since 1977.

"It's a great tribute to our players the way they came back the way they did," Tubbs said. Tubbs said Oklahoma's Chucky Barnett "wasn't in the flow of the game" until midway through the second-half.

Barnett hit 18 of his 24 points in the last 10

minutes of the contest, while Oklahoma was preserving leads of up to 10 points. "When those two guys (Little and Barnett) are hot, you're pretty tough, obviously," Tubbs said. "You're not going to contain Barnett forever and we certainly didn't in the second-half."

Hayes said, "We didn't expect him to explode like he did."

Hayes noted the Titans had 26 turnovers in the face of the tenacious press the Sooners employed in the second-half. Oklahoma had 13 turnovers. "You pay a big price for that. We did Tuesday night," Hayes said. Hayes called a second-half Oklahoma rally that ended Oral Roberts' season at 18-12 "absolutely unbelievable."

Oral Roberts led by as many as 14 points early in the game. But Little scored 12 of the Sooners' final 15 points before half-time, which ended with the Titans nursing a 34-28 advantage. Oral Roberts, led by Cat Johnson's 20 points and Chris Cantrell's 18, appeared to be in charge with 14 minutes left and a 53-39 lead.

But five jumpers by Little — the big eight newcomer of the year with an 18 point average — and the Sooner press, allowed Oklahoma to pull even at 55-55 with 9:17 left. Then Barnett hit his hot streak. The junior sparked Oklahoma to a 75-65 lead with 3:23 left and the Titans could get no closer than six points after that. The Sooners will host the winner of the game between California Irvine and San Diego State in the second round of the NIT, Tubbs said.

## U.S. gymnasts strike it rich

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, March 10 (AP) — America's Julie-Anne McNamara and Bart Conner rallied in the third and final round to win the third annual International Mixed Pairs Invitational Gymnastics Championships Tuesday night before a crowd of 4,500 at the Jacksonville Coliseum.

McNamara and Conner finished with a team score of 58.35, one-tenth point ahead of

## Maqsood stretched

SHEFFIELD, March 10 (AP) — Maqsood Ahmed of Pakistan Tuesday downed Gawain Briars of Britain 10-8, 7-9, 9-1, 3-9, 9-7 to reach the final of the Thornton's International Masters Squash Championships here.

Ahmed, the world No. 4, took one hour and 24 minutes to defeat surprise semifinalist Briars, seeded No. 8, who fought bravely to avoid defeat. Maqsood faces compatriot Jahangir Khan, the world champion, in the final. Jahangir beat Egyptian Gamal Awad 9-2, 9-0, 9-4 in only 59 minutes.

the Chinese pair of Tang Xiaoli and Zou Limin. The Chinese held a two-tenths point lead heading into the finals.

McNamara's 9.9 on the uneven bars in the semifinals was the high individual score of the night. Her 9.65 in floor exercises and Conner's 9.85 on the parallel bars in the finals pushed them into the lead.

Tang and Zou both wavered on their vaulting dismounts in the final round, scoring 9.45 and 9.75 respectively to leave the door open for the Americans to grab the win.

Conner was coming off a victory at the American Club International meet this past weekend in New York. McNamara tied for first place at New York. Americans Gina Stallone and Jim Hartung placed third with 58.05, followed by Tatyana Frolova and Alexander Pogorelov of the Soviet Union. Fifth place went to Zoya Grantcharova and Ognjan Banguev of Bulgaria.

Czechoslovakia's Martina Polcova and West Germany's Juergen Geiger finished sixth.

## NCAA Basketball

## Keen tussle in the offing

By Thomas Martella  
Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, March 10 — A battle between today's top big man and tomorrow's could ensue in the semifinals if college basketball play follows seedings in this month's National Championships.

Virginia's 7-4 Ralph Sampson, the best in the land, may run into Georgetown's freshman sensation, 7-foot Patrick Ewing in the game before the final — should the two squads get that far. In the other semifinal, the experts pick DePaul to go after No. 1-ranked North Carolina, which topped No. 3 Virginia for the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Championship Sunday, 47-45.

The final four will meet in New Orleans March 27 and 29 to vie for the crown. Indiana picked up last year.

The ACC placed four teams in the 48-slot

championship draw, with Wake Forest and North Carolina State joining North Carolina and Virginia. Also feeding four contenders into the tourney are the Big Ten and the Big East conferences. Conference champion Minnesota joins Indiana, Iowa and Ohio State from the former, and Villanova, St. John's and Boston College hit the tourney trail with Georgetown.

The Hoyas, winner of 12 of their last 13 games, are seeded first in the West Regional, a spot that some say enhances their chance at making the trip to New Orleans. But six of the top 12 teams in last week's college poll are in the West Regional in Utah.

Seeded first in the East, North Carolina will rely on the play of James Worthy and Sam Perkins, tough big men in their own right.

## China lashes out at U.S.

PEKING, March 10 (AFP) — Taiwan, as a "province of China," should use the national flag and anthem of the People's Republic during the forthcoming Women's World Cup Softball Tournament in Taipei in July, the People's Daily said in a commentary Wednesday.

The commentary said that the real country organizing the tournament was China, of which Taiwan is an integral part, and therefore "only the national flag and anthem of People's China should be used."

According to International Federation of Softball (IFS) regulations, only the country organizing a tournament is allowed to use its national emblems during opening and closing ceremonies.

Taiwan was chosen to host the Fifth World Championship before China joined the World Federation in 1979. Peking demanded at that time that the Chinese Softball Association should be recognized as the "sole softball organization representing China" and that the Taiwan association be renamed the "Softball Association of Taipei-China."

Meanwhile the official New China News Agency (NCNA) has accused "certain Americans" within the Oklahoma-based ISF of using the tournament to push the idea that

there are "two Chinas".

By affirming that Taiwan had the right to use its national emblems, some people wanted to put the island forward as an independent state, the agency added.

The Chinese newspaper *Sports News* stressed in a commentary that "if some people in the ISF continue to act stubbornly in disregard for the just demands of federation members, they will end up reaping what they have sown." Without pursuing this threat, the newspaper warned that "Chinese athletes, and the Chinese people will never tolerate" any exploitation of the tournament to push the "two Chinas" theory.

This new warning from China has come as talks continue between the ISF and representatives of the Taipei-China Softball Association on the question of national emblems. The ISF, which appears anxious to avoid any political overtones at the tournament, to be held from July 2-11, is believed to be expressing reservations over Taipei's right to use its flag.

Taiwan, however, which has already made the unprecedented gesture of agreeing to invite a Chinese team to the tournament, appears determined not to give in on the question of national emblems.

## Kiwis recall spinner Bracewell

AUCKLAND, March 10 (AFP) — The second cricket Test between New Zealand and Australia begins here Friday after a rain-affected first Test which offered little indication of which is the better side.

Little play was possible in the Wellington Test, with the New Zealanders getting some useful batting practice against an Australian side which did not have its heart in the game once the chance of a result had passed. Since then, the tourists have enjoyed a long stay at the crease in a drawn three-day game against a virtual New Zealand "B" team at Christchurch.

Several Australians, including skipper Greg Chappell, got good scores and they will

be hoping for a repeat performance on the Eden Park wicket, where they opened their tour with a loss to New Zealand in a one-day match. Australia went on to win the next two one-day internationals against some brittle New Zealand batting.

New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth will be out to break a series of four successive losses of the toss to Chappell and his deputy Kim Hughes in the one-day games and the first Test.

The toss could be important on a pitch which usually takes turn, and New Zealand has named spinner John Bracewell for the Test at the expense of seam bowler Ewen Chatfield.

## Queensland approves bill

## Tight security for Games

SYDNEY, March 10 (AP) — The Queensland parliament Tuesday night approved a Commonwealth Games security bill giving police sweeping powers of arrest and indefinite detention during the period which the Games will be held.

The passage came following realization that the October games will be disrupted by militant Libyan-trained Australian aborigines. Police will be able to detain indefinitely any person suspected of having committed or about to commit an offense.

John Bleke Peterson, ultra-conservative premier of Australia's northern tropical state — known as Australia's "deep north" — said he had learnt of a plan by six aborigines to learn terror tactics in Libya. "I'm very disturbed by all this," he said. "Militant aborigines, half-caste, half-white, quarter-white and the rest." Peterson has also claimed that Maori activists from New Zealand were training aborigines to disrupt the games.

Charles Perkins, an aborigine and a senior federal government official, described Peterson's allegations as "absolute rubbish." Perkins, who is a strong critic of the Queensland government's treatment of his people, said an aboriginal delegation was going to Libya and other African countries but that "they are going over there for other purposes. They are

not going there to be trained."

Under the Games security bill, Queensland police will be able to declare a state of emergency in "notified areas" or restricted zones. Police will be able to enter and search any place or any vehicle without a special warrant. They will also be able to use "voice print, photograph, fingerprints, palm prints, footprints, toe prints and handwriting" to identify an arrested person.

"Such force as is reasonably necessary may be used in the taking of those particulars," the bill said. Terry O'Gorman, president of the Queensland Council for Civil Liberties, termed the bill one of the most dangerous pieces of legislation he could recall.

The law comes into effect on Sept. 17, two weeks before the Games are due to be opened by Queen Elizabeth, and expires under a "sunset" clause on October 10. It is the most drastic measure yet taken by the Queensland government which has defied African Commonwealth countries to go ahead with their threats to boycott the games because of the presence of a New Zealand team. Abraham Ordi, president of the African Supreme Council of Sport, said last week African nations objected to New Zealand because that country allowed a South African rugby team to play in New Zealand last year.

## TCCB postpones decision

LONDON, March 10 (Agencies) — The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) Tuesday deferred any decision on a move to ban the 14 rebel cricketers now in South Africa from all first class cricket.

A full board meeting discussed Northamptonshire's radical call to sack Graham Gooch, Geoff Boycott and company from their Counties, without reaching a conclusion. Now the matter will form an important part of the agenda when the decision on whether to ban the players from Tests is taken next week.

The board is coming under increasing pressure to omit the 14 players from Test cricket. Spokesman Peter Lush said, "If India and Pakistan pull out of their tours to England this summer there will be a great and crippling loss of revenue, amounting to million pounds, with each County's revenue falling by 110,000 pounds or more. That could mean some Counties going to the wall."

The board met with the clear words of the chairman of the Indian cricket board S. K. Wankhede. He was realistic enough to detach the action of the English players from the approach of the board but asserted: "Our tour of England depends on the board's attitude. The players have broken their words to the board and it must take action against the rebels. They have always done so in the past."

The main decision will be made on Friday

week. By then, the Counties will have received recommendations from the board and will be expected to have held executive meetings to decide their attitude.

However, Northamptonshire's revolutionary suggestion, which could land the board in the high court on a restraint of trade action, is certain to be reacted. In the next ten days, the board will continue urgent discussions on a topic. Lush said: "We are debating the matter constantly with our lawyers but our brief, as always, is the encouraging of multiracial cricket round the world."

Meanwhile, the Indian cricket team's planned tour of England was put in jeopardy further by Yorkshire's decision to continue with Geoff Boycott, one of the rebels, S. K. Wankhede told a reporter, in Bombay on arriving from London Tuesday.

If all the other Counties allow the rebels to play, the only way to save the Indian tour would be to get a written undertaking from England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) guaranteeing India's right to refuse playing with any County using rebels, he said.

Wankhede recalled that the recent English tour of India was permitted on the basis of assurances by English players that they would refrain from further sporting contacts with racist South Africa. The Indian government has indicated to the Indian board that it felt cheated when the rebel players went back on their word, he added.



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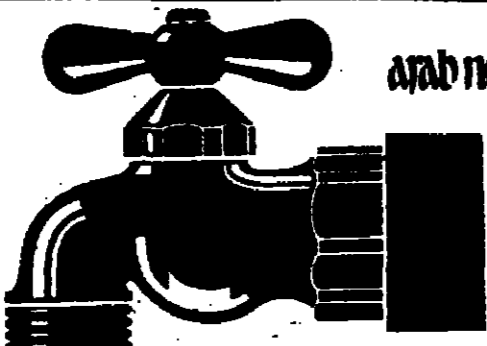
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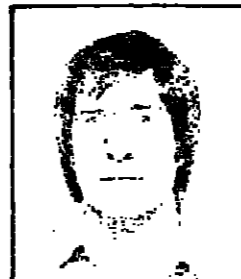
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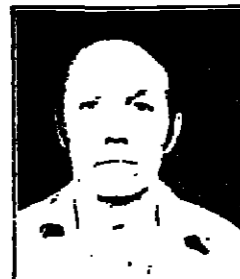
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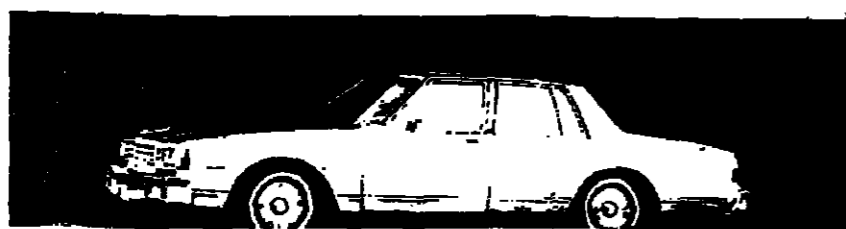
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### Sharp reduction in dialogue

## U.S. policy worries top Soviet diplomats

WASHINGTON, March 10 (R) — Soviet officials here say they are deeply worried about what they fear is a Reagan administration policy of sharply reducing the U.S.-Soviet dialogue on major world problems and ignoring initiatives from Moscow.

Officials at the Soviet Embassy, where several high-ranking diplomats have dealt with American administrations going back 20 years or more, voiced these concerns to Reuters in interviews this week. They asked not to be identified. State Department officials, speaking on the same basis, denied any lessening of working-level contacts between the two countries.

Accusing the Soviet diplomats of shedding "crocodile tears," the American officials blamed Soviet actions in Afghanistan and

elsewhere for the fact that high-level talks were called off, not by Reagan in most cases but by the preceding administration of President Jimmy Carter. The Soviet officials complained of what one termed both a qualitative and quantitative change in contacts between the embassy and the present administration.

Not only have Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and his aides had fewer meetings with U.S. officials, they said, but fewer of these discussions have dealt with major international issues.

The Soviet officials made clear that much of their unhappiness stemmed from a feeling that the administration does not accept Moscow as an equal world power entitled to consideration of its ideas and full consultation on important matters. If this is the administration's view, they said, it is not only an illusion but a dangerous one that might lead the United States to act as if it could still dominate world events as it did from World War II through the early 1960s.

The Soviet diplomats scoff at the idea that the United States could halt the planned natural gas pipeline from Soviet Siberia to Western Europe. They appear bemused at U.S. efforts to bolster the government of El Salvador, which they believe could ensure Washington more deeply than Vietnam did. The officials said the administration had shown no real interest in restarting a series of now-stalled negotiations with Moscow on strategic arms control, demilitarizing the Indian Ocean and other issues.

It has also failed to respond to many proposals from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev intended to open the way for fresh agreements, they said. These include Brezhnev's repeated calls for resuming the Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) Talks after the United States refused to ratify the second SALT Treaty, concluded in 1979.

The Soviet diplomats said the now-frozen negotiations deal with issues such as nuclear arms, chemical warfare and arms sales abroad, and that these must be confronted eventually. They said the administration's delay or refusal to begin talks means these questions will remain on the agenda till Reagan's current term of office ends in 1985. But they may be much harder to resolve then as a result of growing arsenals and new weapons technology on both sides, the Soviet officials said.

### 4 left-wingers warn Haughey

DUBLIN, March 10 (R) — The Irish Republic, facing a grave economic crisis and worried by strife in neighboring Northern Ireland, has its second minority government in a row.

Charles Haughey recaptured power from Garret Fitzgerald's fallen coalition Tuesday, but four left-wingers who tipped the parliamentary vote in his favor immediately warned he could not count on their continued support.

His Fianna Fail party, rulers for 38 of the last 50 years, has 81 seats, two short of an overall majority. So, like his predecessor who held office for only eight months, Prime Minister Haughey must meet the demands of independent and minor party deputies as he tackles the thorny problems of state.

In his first speech to parliament after winning back the office he held until last June, he named Northern Ireland as his top priority, saying he would work for a British withdrawal from the disputed territory.

He made clear he opposes British plans for a new provincial government in Northern Ireland, saying that a lasting solution would only be found by Dublin and London. But his most immediate task is the 1982 budget, now a month overdue since Fitzgerald's finance bill was defeated in January.

Years of heavy borrowing abroad to finance growth and hold down unemployment have left the government with a crushing debt burden and Haughey has promised to carry out Fitzgerald's intention of trimming borrowing. He must also keep an eye on inflation, at more than 20 percent, and unemployment, at 11 percent of the work force.

### Carlucci visits Bonn

BONN, March 10 (AP) — U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci told West German officials here Wednesday that the U.S. administration could counteract congressional moves to oblige American soldiers in West Germany to be equipped solely with material "made in the U.S.A.," informed sources said.

Carlucci said the administration had ways to restore the status quo if the amendment, currently under consideration in Congress, became law, the sources said. The amendment would require that everything from nails to tanks for the some 330,000 Americans stationed in West Germany be bought in the United States.



(Associated Press) **FRAUD DENIAL:** Gen. Angel Anibal Guevara, apparent winner of Guatemala's election, defends his party and government against poll fraud charges at a news conference in Guatemala City Tuesday.

## Guevara claims victory in Guatemala elections

GUATEMALA CITY, March 10 (AFP) — Gen. Anibal Guevara, backed by the ruling military, proclaimed himself Tuesday the winner of Guatemala's presidential elections and brushed aside the losing candidates' complaints of voting fraud.

Gen. Guevara, a heavy-set 56-year-old former defense minister, declared himself the victor when, with about three-quarters of the votes counted, he was given a comfortable lead over his three contenders.

The general, who had the blessing of outgoing President Gen. Romeo Lucas Garcia, appeared sure of being awarded a plurality of the votes. Under Guatemalan procedure, when a candidate does not win an outright majority the president is chosen by the outgoing Congress, in which the present government has a comfortable majority.

At least six persons were injured when police fired shots and tear-gas grenades and prevented the losing candidates from formally filing their fraud declaration, which called for prompt new elections and annulment of Sunday's vote.

The three contenders — anti-Communist Mario Sandoval Alarcon, moderate Alejandro Maldonado Aguirre, and conservative Gustavo Anzueto Vielma — were bundled into a police van and driven away. They were released shortly afterward at Sandoval's home.

The first disturbances broke out when opposition supporters — most of them backing the anti-Communist candidate who stood

second in the vote count — gathered around a hotel where the contenders were holding a news conference to complain about vote rigging. Anti-riot police broke up the crowds with tear-gas grenades.

The candidates then tried to march to election-control headquarters in the central government building, accompanied only by journalists. Police said they stopped them as a "preventive" measure.

Gen. Guevara's claim that he had won "fair and square" was echoed by the government and the army. The general promised that he would give top priority to wiping out this Central American country's leftist guerrillas — who were not represented in the presidential poll — even if it meant doubling or tripling the size of the army.

He said he would first "offer an amnesty to those subversives who may wish to return to a law-abiding life," but would then crack down. "The only way to deal with guerrillas is at gunpoint," he said.

At nightfall, the Guatemalan capital was tense. There was little traffic and few people on the streets — except for reinforced police patrols — and bursts of gunfire were heard in different parts of the city. Shops, which normally stay open until well into the evening, closed down early.

Guatemala, Central America's most populous country, has a recent history of political violence, most notably between leftist guerrillas and the army, backed by extreme rightists.

### Charges withdrawn against 2 S. Africans

## Mercenaries plead innocent in hijack case

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa, March 10 (AP) — Mercenary leader Col. Michael "Mad Mike" Hoare and 42 others pleaded innocent Wednesday at the start of their trial on charges on hijacking an Air-India airplane after a botched coup attempt in the Seychelles in November.

Prosecutors withdrew charges against two of the alleged mercenaries — Steyn de Wet, 30, and Theodorius Daniel van Huyssteen, 23, both of South Africa. No reason for the withdrawal was given in court. But the South African Broadcasting Corporation reported that they would give evidence for the state.

Hoare smiled at reporters as he entered the

red-brick, Victorian-era courthouse on the edge of Pietermaritzburg. Another defendant, Australian-born Kenneth John Kelly, 33, of Durban, South Africa, hit the camera of British television cameraman Roger Harris.

Harris's eye was bruised. He did not retaliate and the two did not exchange words. The cameraman's employers said a charge of assault would be laid.

The accused arrived singly or in pairs at the 82-year-old building and entered a dock containing three rows of chairs in the high-ceilinged courtroom. The public gallery was

filled mostly by reporters. There was little security.

The defendants face four hijacking charges. Seizing an Air-India passenger jet as a means of escape and forcing it to fly to Durban, endangering the plane, endangering passengers and carrying weapons aboard the plane.

Most of the men have homes or business links in South Africa or Zimbabwe, the former British colony of Rhodesia. Ten entered their innocent pleas in Afrikaans, one of the two official South African languages. Prosecution planned to begin its case after a late-morning recess.

Prosecutor Cecil Rees began by saying negotiations were proceeding to obtain evidence from the crew of the Air-India jetliner, but did not elaborate. He said the government would argue that South Africa had jurisdiction over the accused while the hijacked plane was at the Seychelles airport, as well as during the flight from the moment the doors are closed until they are opened for disembarkation with the permission of authorities," he said. "The plane never had such permission at Mahe airport. Therefore, the crimes committed on the ground there were subject to South African law."

The Air-India plane landed at Mahe Nov. 25, 1981, in the midst of a battle for the airport between Hoare's men and the Seychelles Army. The mercenaries allegedly commandeered the plane and ordered it to Durban.

The trial could shed light on accusations by neighboring black African nations that the South African government was behind the attempt to topple Albert Rene, Socialist president of the Seychelles, an Indian Ocean archipelago.

South Africa has denied any involvement but has said that one of the mercenaries, Martin Dolincheck, was a former government intelligence agent traveling under a false passport. Dolincheck has reportedly told investigators in the Seychelles, where he is one of seven persons detained in connection with the coup attempt, that he was still working for South Africa's National Intelligence Service.

The release of the 45 men soon after they fled to South Africa in the hijacked Air-India jet caused an uproar among critics of the white-minority government. Newspapers have speculated that defense lawyers will contend that the men thought they were following South African government orders, and may even have had written orders to go on the operation.

The trial at Natal province Supreme Court was expected to be one of the longest in South African history. The defendants, including South Africans, former Rhodesian soldiers, British, New Zealand and American citizens, could face maximum 30-year sentences if convicted.

South African newspapers said Hoare, famous for his role in suppressing rebellion in the Congo, now Zaire, in 1964-65, was among the organizers of the plot. Allegedly armed with assault rifles, the men flew from Swaziland to the Seychelles airport on Mahe island, calling themselves the "Ancient Order of Froth-Blowers."

Seychelles officials said an alert airport guard spotted a weapon under the false bottom of a suitcase and shooting broke out. The men took over the airport briefly, then seized the plane as a way out.

They freed 79 hostages and surrendered at Durban's airport early the next morning. Justice Neville James, acting judge president of Natal, and two assessors, heard the trial.

## Good Morning

By Jilad Al-Khazim

If the world has indeed changed for the better, if there is progress after all, it is, think, to be observed in the field of primary education. In my time, kids simply loathed school, and had to be dragged to it kicking and screaming. Nowadays, you see a kid looking disconsolate on a weekend and asked what the matter is "No school," he says sadly. "All very boring. Roll on Monday!"

This for me is nothing less than astounding. But school appears to be no longer what it was in my day, when the art of teaching consisted of one man standing in front of the class repeating a lesson, until the pupils memorized it. (And for those who found difficulty in this, the answer was invariably a good hiding. The theory behind this method of improving one's memory always escaped me.)

And the teachers we had at the time God bless the souls of those who have passed away and grant the living ones a serene old age. But they were a rare species!

The worst hiding I had was from one teacher in whose class I once closed my desk too briskly, which made him think someone was knocking at the classroom's door. He went to answer and the class laughed. He demanded to know who caused the offending noise, and when the usual quislings fingered me out, he got me in front of the class for "insulting" him in this way and gave me a beating I still remember.

Or there was that history teacher who used to come in looking for trouble and intending to find it. One day we were all so well behaved that he couldn't fairly punish anyone. So he stood someone up and asked him who led the Muslim conquest of Syria.

"Khaled ibn al Walid," the lad answered. "Name the ten most important of his aides," ordered the teacher. The lad stumbled a bit but eventually made it. That won't do, thought the teacher, at this rate the boy will escape the predestined beating.

"OK," said the teacher. "Now name the ten most famous helpers of each of these aides." At which the lad silently applauded his hand and got what was coming.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awar

## Finns assure Kremlin of friendly ties

MOSCOW, March 10 (R) — Finland's new president, Mauno Koivisto, has assured the Kremlin he plans to continue to steer his country along a path of friendly relations with Moscow. Koivisto, 58, pledged at a Kremlin reception Tuesday night to adhere unflinchingly to the policy of his predecessor, Urho Kekkonen, who built up close ties with Moscow unequaled in the Western World.

He indicated there would be no change in Finland's neutral foreign policy and said the 1948 friendship treaty, the cornerstone of Soviet-Finnish ties, had produced truly model bilateral relations. Koivisto, on his first visit abroad since his election last January, also pledged to develop already strong economic ties between Finland and the Soviet Union.

Western diplomats said Koivisto's speech would do much to persuade the Soviet leadership that he did not intend to upset the stable relations which Moscow often held up as an example for other Western countries to follow.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev earlier praised the mutual ties as a good example of peaceful coexistence between two countries with different social systems. The 75-year-old Kremlin leader said Soviet-Finnish ties were an example of good, correctly established relations between a big power and a comparatively small neighbor.

He drew a comparison with the United States, which he attacked for alleged threats and interference in the affairs of states in Central America and the Caribbean. Brezhnev said talks with Koivisto had shown good possibilities existed for developing ties between the two countries. Western diplomats said the warm welcome given to Koivisto at the start of his three-day visit suggested that initial doubts in Moscow over his commitment to a close relationship with the Soviet Union had been allayed.

## Three indicted in U.S.

AMARILLO, Texas, March 10 (AP) — Three men have been charged with planning to transport helicopters from the United States to the Middle East in violation of federal neutrality laws, officials say.

The U.S. attorney's office in Dallas said Wednesday more arrests were made in another state, but declined to disclose details. U.S. Attorney James Rolfe said Tuesday that the three men, being held in Potter County Jail without bond, were named in sealed indictments charging that they planned to transport the helicopters from the United States, possibly to Libya. The indictments were returned last week by a federal grand jury in Dallas.

## British capital gets dangerous

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — London, once one of the world's most crime-free cities, is rapidly growing more dangerous. Muggings and other violent crime increased by over a third last year, Scotland Yard said Wednesday. It said that non-whites were largely responsible.

The number of recorded cases of robbery and other violent theft was 18,763, an increase of 34 percent over 1980. The report for the first time indicated the color of muggers and others engaged in violent crime.

Although only about 14 percent of Londoners are non-white, mostly West Indian blacks and others of Asian descent, the report said 55 percent of the muggers and other attackers were non-white and 26 percent white. The report did not categorize "others."

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Bahrein	17	63	22	72	clear		
Bangkok	28	82	33	91	clear		
Beirut	10	50	16	61	rain		
Berlin	-2	28	11	52	sunny		
Buenos Aires	21	69	29	84	rain		
Calcutta	11	52	19	66	cloudy		
Caracas	18	64	28	82	cloudy		
Chicago	-14	7	-3	27	clear		
Copenhagen	-2	28	3	41	clear		
Dubai	-2	28	9	48	cloudy		
Frankfurt	3	37	9	48	rain		
Geneva	3	37	11	52	clear		
Helsinki	-7	19	-1	30	clear		
Hong Kong	14	57	17	63	cloudy		
Jakarta	24	75	31	88	cloudy		
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain		
London	6	43	13	55	cloudy		
Los Angeles	13	56	25	78	rain		
Madrid	-1	30	14	57	clear		
Manila	19	66	33	91	clear		
Mexico City	10	50	25	77	clear		
Miami	15	59	23	73	cloudy		
Montreal	-19	-2	-9	16	snow		
Moscow	-5	23	0	32	cloudy		
New Delhi	11	52	24	75	cloudy		
New York	-4	25	4	40	cloudy		
Nicosia	8	46	17	63	clear		
Oso	0	32	1	34	cloudy		
Paris	5	41	10	50	cloudy		
Rio de Janeiro	19	66	29	84	cloudy		
Rome	6	43	15	59	clear		
San Francisco	10	51	15	59	rain		
Seoul	0	32	10	50	clear		
Singapore	24	75	31	88	cloudy		
Stockholm	-8	18	5	41	clear		
Sydney	16	61	22	72	clear		
Taipei	14	57	18	64	rain		
Tokyo	-5	23	14	57	clear		
Toronto	-8	18	-2	28	snow		
Vancouver	6	43	11	52	rain		
Vienne	2	36	9	48	clear		

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